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Network 'will be envy of world'

Rail sell-off receipts may be halved

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND PHILIP WEBSTER

THE Government has been forced to abandon its financial targets for rail privatisation after warnings that they threatened to wreck the sale.

But John Major yesterday declared the Government's determination to press ahead swiftly with the sale and make British railways "the envy of the world."

It emerged last night that Treasury demands that Railtrack achieve an 8 per cent profit on the track and signalling equipment it owns have been swept aside after pressure from Bob Horton, its chairman, and calculations by John Swift, the rail regulator.

This means Government receipts from the sale of Railtrack may be halved to £2 billion. But ministers hope that by cutting the rate of return to inflation plus 2 or 3 per cent, they may be able to rescue privatisation plans which had threatened to collapse because of excessive charges for use of the tracks. The Treasury stipulates the rate of return because this will provide the privatised company with subsidies to keep open unprofitable lines.

The U-turn will be announced this week when Mr Swift publishes his proposals on track access charges for the 25 train operating companies that will be franchised to use the network.

As doubts continued to emerge over Labour's rail plans Mr Major said at a Downing Street press conference that he was not satisfied with the service provided by the British Rail for the past 40 years and that he wanted to remove them for good "from the comedian's joke book."

He described Tony Blair's pledge to maintain the railways in public ownership as *danegeld to the unions* for the support he needed from them to rewrite Clause 4.

But he predicted that the privatisation of British Rail would eventually prove as successful as British Airways, British Telecom, British Steel and the electricity industry, and that the public would be keen to invest.

Mr Major's remarks came amid signs that the Government is to take an aggressive approach to the sale of Railtrack and the franchising of services. The franchises may be extended to 10 years, rather than seven as at first envisaged, and the second instalment of franchises is expected to be bigger than expected.

By revising down the value of Railtrack's assets and accepting a return comparable to other utilities the Government will sharply reduce the subsidy it would pay operators to help them break even.

City analysts had estimated that the privatisation proposals would cause subsidies to the railway to rise from £930 million in the year to March 1994 to £1.6 billion, if the initial target of a 5.1 per cent rate of return was to be achieved. Cost-cutting efficiency improvements were supposed to lift the rate of return to 8 per cent by 1998.

By writing down the assets and cutting the required rate of return to market levels, the Government will hope to stimulate interest. Until now, only management buyout teams have shown serious interest.

At the same time, ministers hope they may achieve their ambition of selling Railtrack before the next election. Mr Horton believes the company, which is at the heart of the rail privatisation, can be prepared for sale by March 1996.

Mr Major had used his press conference to go on the attack against Labour and announce that the build-up to the general election was already under way.

Speaking in the oak-panelled state dining room at Number 10, he told his party to beware of complacency and that no one should expect a bouncy economy alone to be enough for victory.

He confirmed that he had asked ministers to begin a policy review that will form the basis of a manifesto, but which also would a have a much longer perspective. In a confident performance the Prime Minister spoke optimistically about the Government's ability to pull back Labour's poll lead.

"I know that doing uncomfortable things, although often necessary in government, does not always endear you to people. But if your policy is right and if you stick to it the benefits do come through. It is a recovery for the long term. It is not a flash in the pan. It is not fuelled by Monopoly money." Mr Major added: "In around two years, may be a little more, perhaps a little less, we are going to have to persuade the public once again to entrust us with government."

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Monarchy 'will survive squalls'

Mr Major defended the Royal Family fiercely, declaring that it would recover from the squalls that have hit it recently. It was, he said, the "central glue" in the constitution of the United Kingdom, and he did not see that changing.

In his first remarks on the monarchy since the announced divorce of the Camilla and Andrew Parker Bowles, he said people expected high standards from those in public life, including royalty.

"From time to time," he said, "there are squalls which for a short time cause some difficulty. That is what they are — short-term squalls. The underlying respect, admiration and affection for the constitution of the monarchy itself will be untouched by this. I believe it will continue to endure, and it is immensely important that it does."

KENNETH MASON



John Major outlines his political plans beneath a portrait of George II at No 10

US lukewarm over Yeltsin invitation to spring summit

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

RUSSIA yesterday invited President Clinton to a summit in Moscow in the spring, signalling its wish to repair the damage done to its relations with the West by its war against Chechenia. The White House, increasingly dismayed by the savagery of the Russian campaign, declined to say if Mr Clinton would accept.

In a surprise move, Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, is expected to present the invitation when he meets Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, in Geneva today. A Russian official quoted by Tass said: "We have plans for a summit meeting in May. There is an invitation and it is the intention of President Clinton to come to Moscow at that time."

But Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, told journalists merely that "there will likely be a conversation" in Geneva about a possible meeting. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, was meeting Mr Christopher in Washington last night and Chechenia was at the head of their agenda.

Although the Kremlin said yesterday that President Yeltsin was cancelling his attendance at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, at the end of this month, it appears to have decided that, by the time of the proposed summit meeting in Moscow, its forces should have secured a victory in Chechenia and that the international outcry will have subsided.

Heavy fighting continued in and around Grozny, the Chechen capital, yesterday, but there were also signs that the Russian authorities are laying the foundations for a peaceful settlement. Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, last night called for peace talks and an immediate ceasefire to end the five-week conflict, which has claimed thousands of casualties on both sides.

"The start of talks would mean a ceasefire at the same time," he said. Mr Chernomyrdin is a moderate who is emerging as the leader of a dove-ish faction in a Government that is dominated by hardliners.

Mr Christopher also intends to use today's meeting with Mr Kozyrev in Geneva to pursue a new American plan for surmounting Russia's strong opposition to Nato's eastward expansion. He is expected to propose that negotiations be started to explore how Russia might form an affiliation with Nato that falls short of full membership but makes clear that Russia is not being excluded from the alliance.

Mr Yeltsin said angrily last month that allowing such former Warsaw Pact nations as Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to join Nato would "sow seeds of mistrust" and plunge Europe into a new "Cold Peace".

One idea Mr Christopher will propose, it is suggested, is that Russia and Nato's 16 full members should form a standing commission to discuss security issues without giving Moscow a direct say in Nato's decisions. Another proposal is that Russia and Nato should draw up a charter setting out their relationship in precise detail. Neither arrangement would exclude the possibility, however remote, of Russia evenutally becoming a full member of the alliance.

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City taskforce launched to control directors' pay

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE chairman of Marks & Spencer, Sir Richard Greenbury, who is paid £779,188 a year, is to lead a City taskforce to regulate executive salaries and payouts after a series of disputes over senior industrialists' pay.

The taskforce is expected to draw up a code of practice within about six months, which will be backed by the Confederation of British Industry, the Stock Exchange, the Association of British Insurers and the Institute of Directors.

Other senior industrialists in the group will include Sir Michael Angus, the Whitbread chairman, who is paid £154,170, David Simon, the chief executive of BP (£615,000) and Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman of ICI (£257,000).

The Government welcomed the move, announced by the CBI yesterday, which follows a public outcry over a number of high pay increases, including a 75 per cent rise for Cedric Brown, the chief executive of British Gas.

Sir Richard said: "There is clearly a job to be done here, and I am confident that we can propose some practical ways forward which will attract wide support."

The CBI acknowledged that public confidence has been damaged over the way in which the pay of company directors is set. Sir Bryan Nicholson, the unpaid CBI chairman, said that business needed to rebuild that confidence. "The prime responsibility must rest with boards and shareholders," he said. "But they need to discharge that responsibility in a clear and defensible manner."

The group will include representatives from the Stock Exchange, insurance companies, pension funds and the Institute of Directors. The IoD's executive committee is today expected to approve its own executive pay proposals.

The CBI does not believe it can say precisely how much individual companies ought to pay directors. The code is, however, likely to suggest that firms should ensure that pay levels are set by independent directors; that firms make their policy public; that they avoid contracts which make payments for failure; and establish a clear relationship between the pay and performance of directors. The group will consider the composition of the remuneration committees that set pay levels, and look at share options, bonus schemes and the length of contracts. It will also consider the best ways of disclosing pay decisions.

Ministers welcomed the move, although Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, insisted that the Conservatives had always said that controlling people's pay was not a matter for the Government.

"If British industry wants to come up with standards and guidelines of its own, then that is welcome," he said.

Gordon Brown, Labour's Shadow Chancellor said that while the new group was welcome, "it is not enough unless backed up by government action. The Government is trying to run away from its own responsibility in relation to the privatised gas, water and electricity industries."

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Sir Richard: aiming to draw up practical code

Boys' £50,000 secret in canalside den

CHILDREN building a secret den have stumbled on stolen jewels worth £50,000 (Bill Frost writes). Damian, 11, and Daniel Eccles, 13, of Standish, near Wigan, and David Jones, 16, of Haskayne, near Ormskirk, saw coins tumble from the earth as they dug on the banks of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal at Damson Wood, Halsall, Lancashire, and found four boxes covered in plastic.

Daniel said: "When we saw all the silver and jewels inside, we thought we were rich. We went to a house nearby and phoned the police from there."

Detective Constable Chris Harris, of Ormskirk police, said the jewellery, with antique watches, coins, and stamps, had been stolen about 20 years ago.

Detectives refused to give the name of a man whose passport was recovered from the site.

Faye Dunaway's secret payout

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber agreed to pay Faye Dunaway, 53, "substantial" compensation for dropping her from the US production of *Sunset Boulevard*. The out of court settlement follows a dispute last summer when the actress sought £4 million damages ..... Page 4

EC veto crisis

Jacques Santer, the EC President-designate, called future colleagues to an emergency meeting to decide whether to offer concessions to avoid a veto of the new European Commission ..... Page 13

Animal rights protesters turn back sheep lorry

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A LORRY taking 600 sheep to the docks at Brightlingsea, Essex, was turned back last night after a crowd of over 1,000 animal rights protesters overwhelmed it.

Missiles were thrown as more than 100 police tried to control the demonstrators. Police ordered it to back nearly half a mile down a narrow street. Arrangements had been made to care for the sheep overnight outside the town.

It was understood that attempts to bring in other lorries from muster points in Kent and Huntingdon, carrying a total of 2,000 live animals for shipment to Belgium, would be abandoned.

A spokesman for Brightlingsea Against Live Exports, which organised the demonstration, said: "This is a victory for common sense. The lorry should never have been allowed here anyway. The trade is besmirching this town and we do not want that."

Unlike calves, sheep are not reared any differently abroad than in Britain but animal welfare campaigners say they should not be exported live because they suffer stress during transport. They want all meat exported "on the hook" and not "on the hoof".

During the day-long demonstration police arrested six people as they waited for the sheep which were to sail at midnight to Nieuwpoort, near Ostend on *Caroline*, a Danish transporter.

Some of the protesters were arrested when a sheep exporter tried to force his way through the cordon. Richard Otley, a Northamptonshire farmer, was trapped in his Range Rover for 20 minutes.

Mr Otley, who had an incendiary device planted at his farm last weekend, said: "We would have liked to be on the short seaway. But animal welfare groups have pushed us away and we want to exercise our right to carry out a perfectly legal trade."

An inspector from the Agriculture Ministry examined the vessel. Sheep pens had been installed in the hold and supplies of feed and straw were brought on board through lines of shouting demonstrators.

Richard Lymbery, campaigns director for Compassion in World Farming said: "We have joined with local people to send a resounding message to the port authorities to condemn the trade, to the live exporters to halt it, and to the Government to act urgently to bring about an end to it throughout the European Union."

Tomorrow it is understood that an attempt will be made to export live veal calves through Brightlingsea. A number of elderly people, some clutching hot water bottles in the biting cold, were among the ranks of local people demonstrating against the trade.

They were joined by students, numerous animal rights groups, the RSPCA and veterans of the earlier protests in Shoreham, Sussex.

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Major seeks to placate Unionists over Dublin's future role



Taylor: "Unionists' fears are justified"

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

JOHN MAJOR sought to maintain his crucial support from the Ulster Unionists last night by denying that there was any question of a secret deal to give Dublin joint authority over Northern Ireland. At his Downing Street press conference, the Prime Minister said fears that the joint framework document being drawn up by London and Dublin might propose all-Ireland bodies were unfounded.

Mr Major was clearly striving to avoid a damaging breach with the Unionists who are threatening to trigger a general election if the Government agrees to all-Ireland bodies with executive powers. With the Government technically in a minority after the withdrawal of the whip from nine backbenchers, Unionist support is vital.

He said there was no question of Dublin having authority over Northern Ireland and added that when the framework document was agreed it would not be imposed. It would be discussed by the constitutional parties and, if they approved, there would be a referendum in Ulster.

"The fear that there is some sort of deal in which joint authority is in some curious fashion going to be endorsed is not going to happen," he said.

But John Taylor, the Ulster Unionist MP for Strangford, rejected the Prime Minister's assurances. In a speech in his constituency last night, he accused Mr Major of "playing with words". He claimed the framework document would include all-Ireland bodies with executive powers.

Mr Taylor said: "I have to say that [Mr Major's] response is totally inadequate. The original fears of Ulster Unionists are still well founded."

He added that executive cross-border bodies would be unacceptable if they were imposed on a future Northern Ireland assembly.

Meanwhile, both the Government and Sinn Fein were optimistic yesterday after their third round of talks in Belfast, with both sides saying they hoped that progress could be made in future meetings.

Michael Ancram, a junior Minister at the Northern Ireland Office, described the exploratory talks as "useful", and said he hoped that progress could be made on the decommissioning of IRA arms.

Martin McGuinness, who led the Sinn Fein delegation, said he still remained hopeful. However, he accused the Government of a "minimalist approach", and he called for the talks to move to a multi-party level.

As he left the meeting at the Stormont Government Buildings, Mr McGuinness criticised the Government for insisting that IRA weapons must be decommissioned. However, Sinn Fein's position paper at yesterday's talks appeared more conciliatory when it said it would influence the IRA on the issue. It said: "We wish to use our influence on all matters in a positive way and with the aim of advancing the peace process."

Mr Ancram said: "I was interested to hear, and pleased that Sinn Fein did accept that they have influence in this area. I hope they will now bring this influence to bear."

The Minister added that the decommissioning of weapons was central to the talks, but he signalled that the Government was keen that the issue should not become an obstacle.

Mr Ancram said: "The arms issue was raised again. It was made clear that we are not setting this as a precondition. But the reality is that unless there has been a substantial resolution of this question, round table talks simply will not take place."

Mr Ancram also denied Sinn Fein's claim that the Government's response to the IRA ceasefire has been "grudging".

The exploratory talks between Government officials and Sinn Fein are designed to cover the "practical consequences of the end to violence" and to examine whether the party can become a full constitutional party.

☐ A meeting tomorrow between Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, and Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, has been postponed at Dublin's request.

Prescott pledges to keep private railway franchises

By Jill Sherman, Political Correspondent

LABOUR's plans over rail privatisation were thrown into further confusion last night after John Prescott suggested that a Labour government would honour any contracts given to private operators to run rail services.

Mr Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, said that if private operators were given franchises to run rail services for seven to eight years, then these services would be allowed to continue under a Labour government. "When those contracts are up we want a publicly owned and publicly accountable railway," he told BBC Radio 4's programme. He argued that it was still not clear how much of the system would be privatised by the next election.

Meanwhile, Labour leadership sources were trying to play down any commitment to renationalise British Rail. They maintained the party was committed to "a publicly owned and publicly accountable railway" within affordable costs. However, they would give no pledge to buy back a controlling share in British Rail, or to reverse all aspects of privatisation. Nor would they define what was meant by "public ownership".

They pointed out that the working party, chaired by Mr Prescott, would be looking at a series of options, including giving greater powers to the regulator. They insisted that the party could come up with no detailed plans until the Government's own proposals were clear. "Our main priority is to stop the privatisation going ahead," one official said.

It is clear that Labour's main strategy is that by making a firm commitment to return the railways to public ownership, whatever that might mean, it will undermine the Government's privatisation plans by deterring would-be franchise holders from bidding for contracts.

But the party's failure to give a firm commitment to renationalisation was yesterday seized on by both Jimmy Knapp, general secretary of the RMT union and by Brian Manwhinney, the Transport Secretary. Mr Knapp said Mr Prescott's timetable was not good enough and added that there would need to be further negotiations between the leadership and the unions.

Mr Mawhinney told the *Today* progamme that the Labour Party's policy was in a "shambles". The decision to set up a working party to look at ways of taking pack privatised parts of the rail network into public ownership showed Labour was still committed to old-style socialism.

Last week Tony Blair refused to commit the party to renationalisation of the railways, but the disclosure of the working group was seen by some as a means to appease left-wing activists in advance of the Clause Four debate. Many activists have been demanding reassurances over BR as a quid pro quo for supporting Mr Blair's moves to replace the nationalisation clause. Party sources maintained that the working party was set up two months ago.

Activity safety rules

THE Government appears to have moved to back compulsory registration and inspection of outdoor activity centres, aimed at ensuring the Lyme Bay tragedy can never be repeated.

The news was greeted with delight tonight by parents of the four teenagers who died two years ago when their canoes capsized in Lyme Bay.

Denis Walker, father of one of the victims, said tonight he and his wife Jackie were "opening champagne". Mr Walker, whose 16-year-old daughter Rachel died in the tragedy, said from his Plymouth home: "If this is true, we are delighted."

Rachel Walker died with three teenagers from Southway Comprehensive School, Plymouth, in March 1993 during an expedition organised from the St Albans Challenge Centre, Lyme Regis. Peter Kite, the managing director of the centre, was last year convicted of manslaughter and jailed for three years and the company behind the centre fined £60,000.

The trial highlighted lax safety standards at the centre and warnings from staff that children's lives were at risk.

It brought calls for tighter regulation of the nearly 3,000 outdoor activity centres, which run courses for nine million visitors a year — many of them schoolchildren — with an estimated annual turnover of £420 million.

For more than a year, ministers resisted compulsory action, backing instead a voluntary scheme of registration which it argued no legitimate centre could afford to ignore. After After several "very hopeful" meetings with education minister Eric Forth, Labour member for Devonport David Jamieson said last night he and the Government "appear to be coming to an agreement".

SIMON WALKER



Paul Judge with his wife, Anne. He claims that he was amazed and stupefied by allegations in *The Guardian*

Tory office chief sues over Nadir cash claims

By A Staff Reporter

THE Tory party's director-general told a High Court libel jury yesterday that he was amazed and stupefied by newspaper claims that Conservative Central Office used "tricks" to obstruct an inquiry into donations to party funds by Asil Nadir.

Paul Judge, 45, said he was in the departure lounge at Gatwick waiting to catch a flight to Strasbourg when he saw the front-page allegations in *The Guardian*. "I was amazed, stupefied, worried and concerned."

The article, headlined "Tories face court over Nadir cash — Central Office 'tricks' obstructing inquiry", was published in September 1993. It appeared without warning and was "completely inaccurate in tone and certainly in specifics", Mr Judge said.

He is suing Guardian Newspapers, Peter Preston, then Editor of *The Guardian*, and the journalists Paul Brown and David Pallister. He claims that, as the man responsible for Central Office staff, his reputation was seriously damaged. The hearing continues today.

Pay-offs branded 'reward for failure'

By Jon Ashworth and Martin Waller



Cedric Scroggs received £730,000 from Fisons, Bryan Weston pocketed share options worth £1 millionand John Bellak received £512,000

BRITISH executives may be poorly paid by the standards of their American counterparts, but the average UK employee would be hard-pressed to feel any sympathy. Simmering resentment over levels of boardroom pay has repeatedly come to the boil since last summer, when Labour first stirred the pot.

Remarks by Robin Cook, Labour's trade spokesman, about the demoralising effect of massive pay rises on the workforce were echoed by City fund managers, who attacked the practice of rewarding "failed" executives with huge pay-offs.

Targets were thick on the ground. Cedric Scroggs, sacked chief executive of Fisons, the pharmaceuticals company, was awarded £731,847 in pay and pay-off for 1993 after he stepped down last March.

John Bellak took early retirement from Severn Trent last summer with a package worth £512,626 — more than double his annual salary. He was awarded £404,829 for the early termination of his service contract, and another £107,797 towards future pension payments.

Richard Young, former managing director of Midlands Electricity, took early retirement after 30 years in the industry because reorganisation had left him without a job.

He received £393,000 in compensation for loss of office — 90 per cent of three years' salary because he was on a three-year rolling contract. He was given a further £262,000 in a pension lump sum, and was granted £480,000 in share options.

Further controversy accompanied Bryan Weston's departure from Manweb, the electricity distributor. He retired from his two-day-a-week job with a package of shares and options worth more than £1 million. He had worked as part-time chairman of Manweb since stepping down as chief executive two years earlier.

Fund managers were quick to seize on such examples of corporate extravagance. Paul Manduca, chief executive of Threadneedle Asset Management, said people were being rewarded for failing in their jobs.

Paul Myners, chairman of Gartmore Investment Management, said: "The least acceptable aspect of directors' salaries is the huge rewards for poor performance. We have to determine whether this is in fact greed or appropriate reward for effort."

A succession of large and often ill-timed salary increases has also kept the pot bubbling. The most recent example is that of Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, who was given a 76 per cent pay rise at a time when the company was announcing higher gas prices and cutting jobs at its showrooms. His pay was increased from £270,000 to £475,000.

Tories lose biggest corporate giver

By Alice Thomson, Political Reporter

THE Conservative Party's biggest corporate supporter, United Biscuits, announced yesterday that it will no longer make donations to the party coffers.

The move will further cripple the Tories, who have a £16 million overdraft and have lost several of their leading corporate supporters in the past year. Senior staff at Conservative Central Office are worried about having enough funds to fight the next General Election.

A spokesman for the company, which operates in 24 countries and last year slashed its annual donation by £90,000 to £40,000, said yesterday: "The board has reviewed its policy on political donations and has decided that, in view of the increasingly international nature of its business, it is now inappropriate to make contributions to any political party in the UK or in any other country." The company believed the present system of funding British parties should be replaced with state grants.

Staff at United Biscuits said that the company has suffered badly in the recession and only this month announced the closure of its KP crisps and snacks plant in Grimsby, with the loss of 980 jobs at a cost of £21 million. Lord Laing of Dumphail, UB's life president, gave up being a Conservative party treasurer last year.

Contributors who have deserted the Tories in the past year include the drinks group Allied Domecq, the electronics group Racal and the supermarket giant Argyll. British Airways stopped donations to the Tories in 1991 after a row about landing slots at Heathrow airport and decided last summer to end all political contributions. Whitbread was so incensed by the Chancellor's additional Budget last December, increasing alcohol duties, that it is also considering pulling out.

Correction

A report concerning *Private Eye* (January 14) incorrectly described Tony Rushton as a cartoonist. He is, in fact, a former managing director and advertisement director of the magazine and remains its art director. We apologise for the mistake.

Lawyers to be coached in caring for clients

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

BARRISTERS are to be coached in the skills of "client care" under the first management training scheme for the Bar, announced yesterday.

The scheme, launched in London by Peter Goldsmith, QC, Bar chairman, with members of more than 50 sets of chambers present, is one of several reforms due this year to make barristers more competitive.

Mr Goldsmith said: "The Bar is renowned for the high quality of its advocacy and advice, but it must now underpin this with efficient, modern management systems. It must also display value for money and responsiveness to client expectations."

The training will be provided by Central Law Training, one of the main providers of management consultancy and training to the legal profession. It will cover such topics as client care, marketing, finance and personnel management. The first round of training starts next month with a day-long course followed by six evening sessions.

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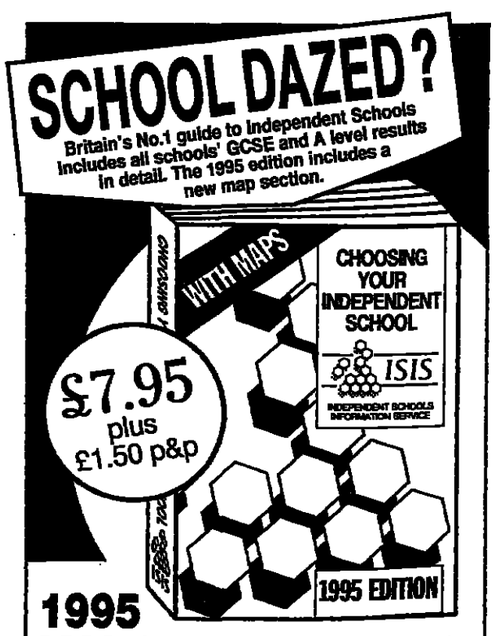
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Lieutenant claims he was stripped, strapped to cannon and had beer poured over him

Officer sues Army for bullying that 'ruined his life'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A YOUNG second lieutenant was subjected to "humiliating, violent and inexcusable bullying" by fellow officers in the Royal Horse Artillery, the High Court was told yesterday. On one occasion, 19-year-old Alastair Green was strapped naked over a ceremonial cannon, had "beer and worse" poured over him and was left with a rose between his buttocks, said his counsel, Sydney Kentridge QC.

In another incident, he was stripped naked in the mess bar by officers "laughing and jeering at the size of my willy". Mr Green said: "I felt they were doing this because I was so much younger and inexperienced and I realised I had a lot of work to do to come up to the grade of these excellent officers. I thought they were doing it to make me on a level with them, to lift me from a 19-year-old schoolboy with two or three weeks at Sandhurst into the regimental group."

On another occasion Capt Jonathan Murphy entered his room wearing only briefs, pulled back his bed covers and jumped astride him. "He seemed to be sexually excited. He was sniggering under his breath. He never said anything, but had a look of lust on his face." He wrestled the officer off and ran naked from his room. After borrowing a dressing gown, he reported the incident to the adjutant, who simply said: "That sounds most unlike Jonathan." Mr Kentridge told Mr Justice Popplewell that the ordeal suffered by Mr Green in these and other incidents at Aldershot barracks in Hampshire 10 years ago led to psychiatric breakdowns "which altered, and in some respects ruined, his life".

Mr Green, now 29 and teaching English in Japan where he lives with his Japanese wife and nine-month-old son, is suing the Ministry of Defence and 10 named officers for damages for psychological injuries and loss of career prospects.

> "I was so much younger. I realised I had a lot of work to do to come up to the grade of these excellent officers"

The officers named by Mr Green in his claim are: Lt Simon Clegg; Capt Christopher Lang (now dead); Major William Moore; Major Nigel Bedford; Capt Nicholas Syrett; Lt Marcus Packenham (who has not been served with the proceedings and is not represented); Major John Murphy; Capt Marcus Bennion; Major John Buchanan and Major Jonathan Hull, who was the regiment's medical officer. Most of the officers held less senior ranks at the time of the alleged incidents.

In a hearing expected to last three weeks, the MoD denies that it failed to maintain adequate discipline and the individual defendants deny involvement in any of the alleged incidents.

Mr Kentridge said some of the officers were suggesting that what happened during Mr Green's four months' service was "merely horseplay" and that he took the incidents in good part. "But we submit that, by whatever name they choose to call it, it was unlawful, excessive and was the cause of, or the trigger for, his subsequent psychosis."

Mr Green joined the elite 7th Regiment of the Royal Horse Artillery on a short service limited commission in March 1985 after a rigorous selection process including a strenuous three-week officer training course at Sandhurst requiring enormous fitness and application, he said.

He and other newcomers who lived at the Aldershot officers' residential mess wore black berets and were known as "crap hats" by officers who had completed their para training and wore the red beret. Mr Green was the youngest officer by about five years. The son of an RAF wing commander, he was delighted to be posted to the RHA, a special forces regiment and part of the airborne division in which soldiers wore the coveted red beret. But the ordeal he suffered forced him out of the Army with a breakdown after only four months, and subsequent breakdowns, including attempted suicide, over the years dashed his ambition to become a veterinary surgeon.

Mr Kentridge said there was evidence that Mr Green may have had a genetic predisposition to psychotic depression. Although his father, now retired from the RAF, had suffered no such illness, his brother — Mr Green's uncle — had done so at one stage.

Mr Kentridge said Mr Green would have to take drugs for the rest of his life and the court must decide whether the bullying caused the onset of his illness. Mr Green, who married his Japanese wife in July 1993, said he now earned £1,750 "in a good month" teaching English, but in Japan it was not enough to support the family. My state of mind is a constant battle within myself not to crack up." The hearing continues today.

SIMON WALKER



Alastair Green: incidents at barracks led to breakdowns that "altered, and in some respects ruined, his life"

Barrister faces jail for fees fiddle of £10,000

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A BARRISTER who sat as a High Court judge in Kenya and as an immigration appeals adjudicator in Britain faces a possible jail sentence for fiddling about £10,000 in fees for his appeals work.

Ernest Aragon, 68, whose character was defended by one of the country's senior judges, was convicted yesterday by Southwark Crown Court on four counts of obtaining property by deception between July 1992 and December 1993. The maximum penalty for the charge is ten years' imprisonment. He will be sentenced on February 17.

Aragon, of New Malden, Surrey, said outside the court that he would consider an appeal. He had claimed fees for more than 600 "vital" immigration appeals cases while the work, which he did part-time, remained untouched at home.

In his defence, Aragon's lawyers called Lady Justice Butler-Sloss, who praised his good work and said she was shocked when she heard of the allegations.

Aragon, who was employed until last April as senior legal officer with the Office of the Banking Ombudsman, had denied the charges, insisting there was nothing sinister about invoicing the authority before completing the work. He claimed his son had accidentally removed case files from his study while tidying up and he had not noticed the vital paperwork had vanished.

Peter Grieves-Smith, for the prosecution, said that by the end of 1993 it was clear Aragon had a lot of outstanding cases in his work for the Immigration Appellate Authority. But he failed to return the backlog, despite an urgent request from the authority.

The authority's officers later recovered 584 files from Aragon's home. Of the 650 outstanding cases in his hands, 584 had not been worked on.

Accused fiancé 'had big debts'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN ambitious businessman accused of the cold-blooded "execution" of his fiancée's elderly parents was beset with money worries, a court was told yesterday.

Jonathan Jones, 35, who is on trial for murdering Harry and Megan Tooze with a shotgun, had less than £100 in his bank account but was planning to set up a market research firm. His bride-to-be, Cheryl Tooze, 34, was the sole beneficiary of her parents' estate, worth around £150,000, Mr Christopher Pitchford, QC, for the prosecution, told Newport Crown Court.

The jury heard that Mr Jones and Miss Tooze, who shared a flat in Orpington, Kent, were regularly in arrears with the rent and had no capital. Mr Jones, who denies the murders in July 1993, was unemployed.

"Not the circumstances in which you would expect to find two people about to lay out money to start up a business and to incur a monthly rent on office premises," said Mr Pitchford. "The defendant was preoccupied with money worries and ambition."

The Toozes left no will but a government pamphlet explaining how surviving relatives could be legally provided for was found in Jones's flat. Sections had been underlined and bore his palm prints, the court heard.

Mr Jones denied that he was motivated by money to kill the Toozes, who were found hidden under straw near their farmhouse. The trial continues.

Rolex robber convicted of raping victim

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who followed a millionaire's wife home after spotting her Rolex watch was convicted yesterday of raping her. Police said after the case that they would question Leon Blackwood, 20, about a number of robberies on women wearing Rolexes.

A jury at the Old Bailey took 20 minutes to convict Blackwood yesterday after being told that the attack on the 45-year-old woman in August last year had devastated her life. She trembles each time the doorbell rings and is unhappy about being alone in her house in Belgravia, central London.

She told police that she no longer wore jewellery and locked her car doors all the time, even in her garage. She no longer went to social functions because "the rape occupies all my time, I don't want to make small talk".

The woman was walking her dogs near her home when Blackwood, of Chelsea, west London, spotted her watch and followed her home. He knocked at her door and pretended he wanted directions to Victoria. He pushed his way in and demanded the watch and other jewellery.

The woman described how she believed his threat that he had a knife and was "led like a lamb to the slaughter" to be raped in her bedroom. Blackwood was caught after a couple who were in bed in the house called the police.

The woman told the jury that she had deliberately spoken loudly so that the couple would hear through the bedroom door, telling Blackwood "There is no money here." She said in evidence: "I heard a small noise which I recognised as the creaking of the door and I knew they knew what was happening. I knew them well enough to know they were doing something, they were taking what they thought was sensible action."

When Blackwood heard the police sirens, he dived over the woman's balcony and escaped across roofs. But he fell, breaking his ankle, and was caught nearby with his victim's camera around his neck and her Rolex and jewellery in his pocket.



Blackwood: caught after fall from roof

He admitted robbery but denied rape, although DNA tests matched him to the woman and cross-matched her to him. There was less than a one-in-ten million chance of the DNA profile matching anyone else in the Afro-Caribbean population, the court was told.

Blackwood, who has a string of burglary convictions, will be sentenced later after psychiatric reports have been prepared.

Stable lad stalked and shot ex-fiancée

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A JILTED stable lad stalked his former fiancée for eight months before using a sawn-off shotgun to wound her in the leg in a remote lay-by.

Barry Pearson then refused to get medical help for Madeleine Smith, 22, and drove her 140 miles to the flat they used to share in Lincolnshire, where she was held captive for five hours.

Tim Clayson, for the prosecution, said the couple became engaged on New Year's Eve 1991 and planned to marry last year but in October 1993 she told him she could not go through with the wedding.

Mr Pearson had reacted violently, the court was told. On one occasion he dragged her from a pub by her hair when he had seen her talking to another stable lad. Later the same night he attempted to run her over and issued a death threat while holding a knife to her throat.

Miss Smith moved back home to York, then Mr Pearson began making threatening telephone calls. Finally, on June 12 last year she agreed to meet him after he told her he was leaving for New Zealand. He said he had a present for her and handed her shotgun cartridges wrapped in paper, the Teesside Crown Court was told. He later shot her at close range, Mr Clayson said.

Mr Pearson, from Grantham, Lincolnshire, has denied wounding with intent, having a shotgun with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, and kidnap. The hearing continues.

Doctor fined for obscene calls

A DOCTOR who admitted making indecent telephone calls to women who attended his surgery was fined £750 and ordered to pay £1,000 compensation to his victims yesterday. Dr Wayne Heaven, 35, admitted eight charges of making indecent telephone calls. The victims were two young women patients from the practice where he worked as a locum. Kendal magistrates' court was told. Mark Sykes, for the prosecution, said that one of the victims was so distressed when she received a call one night that she ran 100 yards to a friend's house.

Tony Butterworth, for the defence, said that Dr Heaven had been suffering from a short-term mental illness.

Woman 'was assaulted, stabbed and left for dead in country lane'

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A YOUNG woman was kidnapped, stabbed and left for dead by a bogus taxi driver, a court heard yesterday.

Samantha Wilkie, 20, told Maidstone Crown Court that she had been kidnapped after leaving a nightclub in Dover on Easter Bank Holiday last year. She was sexually assaulted and left on an isolated lane with a stab wound that exposed her heart.

Miss Wilkie, of Dover, Kent, was rescued by a lorry driver who at first thought she was an injured animal as she was covered in so much blood. Surgeons operated three times to save her life.

Martin Caldwell, 36, of Dover, denies attempted murder, but admits wounding, abduction, false imprisonment and indecent assault.

Giving evidence, Miss Wilkie explained in a soft voice that she had gone to three pubs and a nightclub in Dover that night. "I got bored and rang for a minicab. I waited outside," she told the court. "A car drove up, and the driver shouted 'taxi' out of the window, so I got in the back. I asked him to drive to Beaconsfield, but he went the opposite way. I realised it was not a taxi and was very scared."

The driver stopped the car at a disused garage. "He locked the doors and told me to climb into the front," she said. "He pulled some rough string from his pocket and tied my hands up."

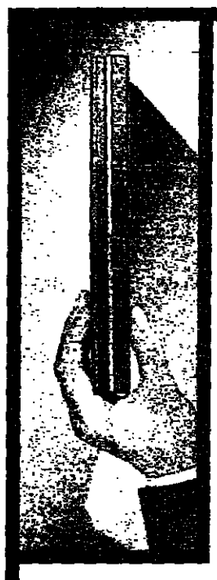
The driver then drove to a lane near Lydden, Kent, Miss Wilkie said. "I asked him where he was going and he said, 'Somewhere where you can't get the police'." He then indecently assaulted her.

She told the court the defendant then walked round the car and pulled her out, cutting the string round her wrists with a knife. "He stabbed under my left breast and he kept pushing the knife into me," she said. "He then spun me round, stabbing me twice on the left side of my upper back. I leaned on to a fence and then toppled into the field. I lay on the ground and pretended to be dead."

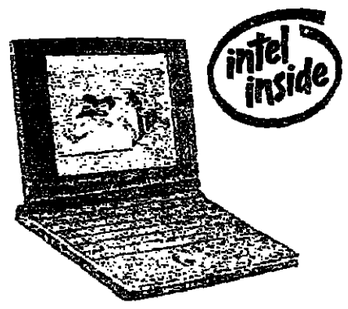
Miss Wilkie said she pulled her clothing tight to try to stem the bleeding. She staggered down the lane, trying to find a house and collapsed.

Maura McGowan, for the prosecution, said the woman had been left for dead. "If a lorry driver had not used that isolated lane, she would not have survived the attack."

The lorry driver, Kevin Stone, had called the police and ambulance. The case continues.



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Prescott's car stolen near Tory Party HQ

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Prescott, Labour's deputy leader and chief recruiting officer, has joined the ranks of the thousands of motorists to have had their car stolen.

Mr Prescott left his gunmetal grey Jaguar Sovereign parked in Smith Square, only yards from the Conservative Party headquarters in Westminster, while he was interviewed by a radio reporter.

When he returned, the F-registration car he describes as his "pride and joy" had gone. He immediately rang his mobile telephone. "I would have politely asked if I could have it back," Mr Prescott said.

The car was full of Labour Party documents — application forms for membership. "I hope the thieves have distributed *lots of them*," Mr Prescott said.

Dunaway wins secret payout over Sunset role

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SIR Andrew Lloyd Webber has agreed to pay the actress Faye Dunaway substantial compensation for dropping her from the American production of his musical *Sunset Boulevard*.

The out of court settlement follows a high profile dispute last summer when the composer said Miss Dunaway's singing voice was not good enough to carry her through the show's Los Angeles production.

Miss Dunaway, 53, launched a lawsuit seeking £4 million damages for breach of contract, fraud and defamation, and described Sir Andrew as a "cold-blooded character assassin". His spokesmen accused the actress of trying to mount a *public relations stunt* and claiming Sir Andrew had only been trying to save her from public ridicule. Under the terms of the settlement, Sir Andrew and Miss Dunaway have agreed not to say anything about each other in public apart from the carefully worded quotes issued in an agreed statement.

They have pledged to keep the financial terms of the settlement secret, but it is understood Miss Dunaway's compensation is "nowhere near" the £1 million that had been rumoured.

In the joint statement, issued in London and New York, Miss Dunaway, who made her name in the 1967 film *Bonnie and Clyde*, said she was pleased they had been able to patch up their differences and avoid a courtroom battle. "When strong, artistic personalities are separated by thousands of miles, the process of putting together a production as complex as *Sunset Boulevard* becomes difficult, at best, divisive, at worst," she said.

"I accepted the role of Norma Desmond, in part, because of my admiration of Andrew Lloyd Webber's ability to put his finger on the pulse of the *theatre-going public*. He has created memorable musical theatre, and I have great respect for his achievements," she added.

Sir Andrew said the actress was an extraordinary talent. "I hope our paths cross one day in happier circumstances where my regard for her abilities can be shown more fruitfully. I wish her every success in her endeavours."

It was not the first time *Sunset Boulevard* had been hit by off-stage drama. Last March Sir Andrew's Really *Useful Group reportedly paid* the actress Patti LuPone — who opened the London production in July 1993 — more than £660,000 not to star in the New York production after the composer decided he preferred the actress Glenn Close.

The New York production has been an enormous success, taking a record £20 million in advance bookings.



Faye Dunaway asked for £4m in damages after she was dropped by Sir Andrew

Attackers steal jewellery after threatening baby

BY MARIANNE DARCH

POLICE warned women against wearing expensive jewellery when out shopping yesterday after three masked men robbed the daughter of a Panamanian politician of her Rolex watch and jewellery. They threatened to kill her eight-week-old baby.

Sofi Anderson, 31, was mugged as she unloaded her white Mercedes outside her house in Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, on Friday night. Her daughter, Tiffany, was still strapped into the back seat. The attackers took a £1,000 handbag, her diamond-studded watch and jewellery worth £18,000.

Mrs Anderson said: "One robber took my legs and put me down on the floor. One put his hand over my mouth and told me not to scream because they would kill my baby. They had stockings on their faces. They said if you don't want the baby to get hurt, don't scream."

She believes she was targeted by the robbers during her shopping trip to the Chanel boutique in Bond Street in London. "These are dangerous men. Tiffany was unhurt. She was too young to realise what was happening. The worst thing was that they knew me and followed me. They didn't need a weapon. How could I defend myself? It was three men against a woman and her baby."

Mrs Anderson, a medical scientist, added: "I wear my jewels to go to the shops because I like them. Now I will wear less jewellery when I go out. The lesson is you must be careful what you wear and where you go."

A spokesman from Thames Valley Police said: "People who go out openly wearing high-value jewellery have to bear in mind that they are attractive items and this could happen." He said there had been a number of similar attacks in the Home Counties and that they were looking to see if there was a link.

Police think it unlikely that there is a connection with the car-jacking of Mina Mullins, who was robbed at gunpoint on a slip road of the M25 in Egham, Surrey, last year, but there are striking similarities between the cases.

Iranian-born Mrs Mullins, whose husband is a wealthy businessman, was returning from an engagement party in London to her home in Wentworth when her Mercedes was rammed by a stolen vehicle. Her attackers stole her car and jewellery worth more than £160,000.

Mrs Mullins said yesterday that she was still affected by the attack. "I think they picked on me because I was in a nice car. They go for women alone in a Mercedes.

"It gives you a horrible feeling. I continue with my normal routine but it's always there at the back of my mind. I think maybe the only answer is when you are alone, not to wear any jewellery."



Sofi Anderson and daughter Tiffany

Hauliers deny sheep transport cruelty

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

TWO brothers who run a livestock haulage business appeared before Salisbury magistrates yesterday *mon accused of causing unnecessary suffering* to animals transported to the Continent.

Peter and Jeremy Francis, of Haydon Wick, near Swindon, deny more than 30 charges, mostly relating to transporting sheep from Somerset to southern France in September, 1993. *They are accused of* keeping animals on the road for up to 30 hours without rest, food or water, twice as long as is permitted under British law. The hearing continues today.

The case, based on investigations by Wiltshire County Council's animal health department, is similar to that brought earlier this month by North Yorkshire trading standards officers, which resulted in a £12,000 fine and a costs order of £9,971.

Gordon Gresty, chairman of the Institute of Trading Standards Administration, said yesterday that legislation due to come into effect next Monday could make prosecution of livestock hauliers harder rather than easier as William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, claimed. It would lead to "many unnecessary legal arguments which will hamper enforcement".

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Parents may sue over Army son's death

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE parents of an Army officer were considering legal action against Ministry of Defence last night after an *inquest into the death of their* son during a mock battle.

Denis and Suzanne Kelly accused the Army of a cover-up after a jury at Southwark Coroner's Court, south London, recorded a verdict of accidental death on Captain Christopher Kelly, 26, a para*trooper who was shot to death* after being mistaken for a cut-out plywood target. The Kellys said that despite six days of evidence they were no closer to discovering the truth behind his death.

They said that their son, who was engaged to be married, was not given enough time to find a specially prepared firing trench when the assault was brought forward an hour by his commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Mal Worsley-Tonks. Lieutenant Peter Chapman, who was wounded in the leg, claimed that Captain Kelly made three radio requests to stop the advancing troops, but they went unheeded.

Logs of radio messages which may have cleared up disputed evidence were not made during the vital *mo*ments. Mrs Kelly said: "I'm disappointed with the verdict. We had hoped for a verdict of unlawful killing."

'Poached' Radio 1 DJ misses show

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

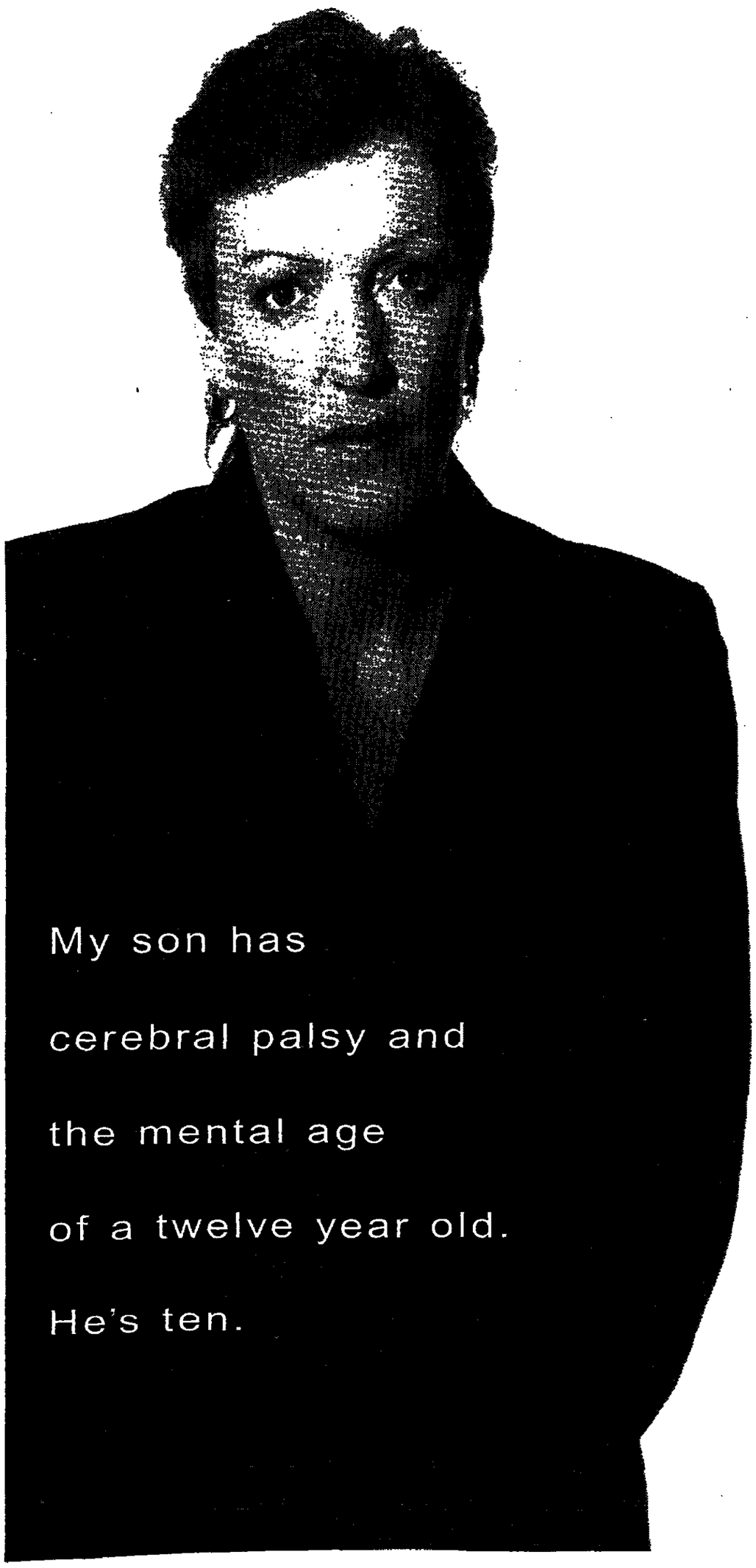
STEVE WRIGHT, the Radio 1 disc jockey who announced his departure from the station at the weekend, failed to appear on his show yesterday morning, apparently suffering from *flu*.

Wright, Radio 1's most popular presenter and host of its flagship breakfast show, is reported to be about to sign a two-year £600,000 contract with Talk Radio, Britain's first national commercial speech station, which will be launched next month.

A BBC spokeswoman denied the reports and said that Wright, 40, was leaving to concentrate on producing and presenting television shows for the BBC's head of light entertainment, David Liddiment. He was expected back at work on Wednesday. "I admit that with all this speculation around it looks a bit of a coincidence to say that he has got the flu. But anyone who heard his show on Friday will know that he was not well."

In a further twist yesterday, BBC Television confirmed that one of Wright's shows, *Home Truths*, had not been recommissioned for a new series. A spokeswoman denied that the decision had anything to do with speculation that he was to join a rival radio network.

His defection to a commercial rival would represent a blow to Radio 1, which has lost 4.5 million listeners in the past year, many of them to the commercial sector. Matthew Bannister, Radio 1 controller, is expected to announce Wright's departure date today.



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Minister rejects inquiry call to turn Mental Health Act 'upside down' after stabbing of therapist

Mental hospitals 'ignored' killer's 15 years of violence

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE stabbing to death of a therapist by a schizophrenic patient with a 15-year history of violence exposed fundamental flaws in the mental health laws, an independent report said yesterday.

But its call for the Mental Health Act to be "turned upside down" was rejected by John Bowis, a junior health minister, who argued that the Government's Mental Health Bill would introduce new powers of supervision for mental patients in the community which would go some way to meet concerns.

Georgina Robinson, 26, an occupational therapist at the Edith Morgan Centre for acute psychiatric care, Torquay, was killed by Andrew Robinson (no relation), who stabbed her seven times in the neck with a kitchen knife in September 1993.

A panel chaired by Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, said that over 15 years doctors had disregarded Robinson's violent behaviour. Doctors and managers failed to understand the powers they had to control violent patients under the Act and placed too much emphasis on their civil liberties.

Robinson, 36, the son of a clergyman, suffered from paranoid schizophrenia and had been in and out of mental hospitals, including Broadmoor, since 1978. On September 1, 1993, he stabbed Miss Robinson in the face and neck. She died after five weeks, for most of which she was conscious but paralysed and unable to speak, and "must have undergone pain and suffering", the inquiry says. Robinson admitted manslaughter and was sent to Broadmoor.

Signs of the impending catastrophe were evident from the beginning, the report says. "It was entirely predictable that one day Andrew Robinson, if he was not maintained on medication under proper supervision, would attack someone — probably a young woman.

Wendy Robinson, Georgina's mother, was not overstating the case when she told us that her daughter's life was sacrificed to the inadequate care and treatment provided ... for severely mentally disordered people."

The National Association for Mental Health (MIND) called the inquiry's recommendations damaging and misleading. New legal powers to make people take medication was not the answer for those diagnosed mentally ill. "We simply don't see, on the basis of this one case of somebody who killed while a patient in hospital, that the inquiry team should ask for an overhaul in the law."

David Hinchliffe, the Labour spokesman on Community Care, said: "We are concerned that the Government are using the Blom-Cooper report to make their case for a new supervision discharge order, when the report shows that Mr Robinson was previously cared for successfully under an existing guardianship order."

The first signs of Robinson's illness appeared when he became obsessed by the size of his nose while a student in 1976. He believed women were repulsed by it and underwent disastrous plastic surgery. The next year he met a fellow student with whom he had an affair that lasted only four days but he remained obsessed by her for 15 years.

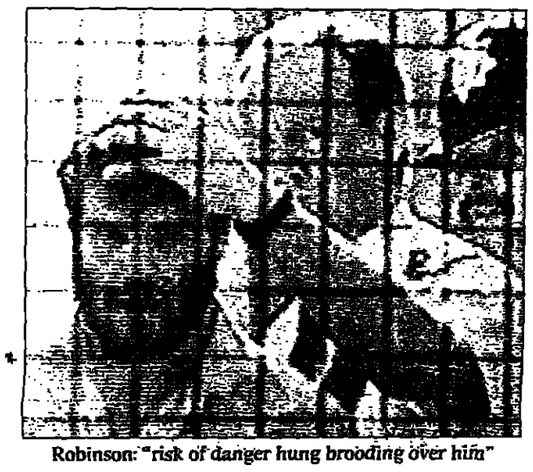
Six months later he burst into her room with a loaded shotgun and pointed it at her head. There was a struggle and the gun was fired at the ceiling. This first offence, for which Robinson was sent to Broadmoor, was played down by doctors. "The risk of danger hung over him like a brooding omnipresence."

Repeated pleas by his parents, the Rev and Mrs Peter Robinson, went unheeded by medical staff. Sir Louis, from whom the report was commissioned by the South Devon Healthcare Trust, said listening to the patient's family and friends was the single most important recommendation in the report. "Managers and professionals heard what was said but I'm not sure they listened attentively enough."

Antony Boyce, the chairman of the trust, said there would be no disciplinary action. Although mistakes had been made, all the staff involved had worked with "care and compassion".



Georgina Robinson, the 26-year-old therapist killed by a psychiatric patient in 1993



Robinson: "risk of danger hung brooding over him"

Victim's mother appalled by lack of supervision

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

WENDY ROBINSON, the mother of the therapist who was stabbed to death by a a schizophrenic, yesterday called for better care of the mentally ill. "We've had a disaster. So many people are suffering like we are. People have got to listen. We want this suffering to end," she said.

Mrs Robinson, 54, said she was "appalled" at the way patients, such as Andrew Robinson, who killed her daughter Georgina, were allowed to come and go from the Edith Morgan Centre, Torbay Hospital without supervision. It was on one such trip that Robinson bought the kitchen knife he later used to attack Georgina.

"I could not believe it. I find it incredible. They allowed this man his freedom and in doing so took away Georgina's," Mrs Robinson said.

Georgina was 26 when she was killed. A keen rower and cyclist, she had decided to work with the mentally ill because she found it more fulfilling than general hospital work. She had been offered a job at another hospital but the Edith Morgan Centre was closer to Exeter where she lived with her boyfriend.

Georgina had had no contact with Robinson. They were strangers. His attack was "random, motiveless and senseless", the report of the inquiry headed by Sir Louis Blom-Cooper says.



Mrs Robinson backed Blom-Cooper report

Mrs Robinson said she was considering legal action against South Devon Health Care Trust but would not demand disciplinary action against individuals, or resignations: "I leave it to people's own consciences to decide what they should do."

Mrs Robinson said her family was very pleased with the report. "We would like the report to go to the Government, and we would like them to read it and take it seriously."

Robinson's father, the Rev Peter Robinson, said he could not apportion blame. "I don't think it helps to make scapegoats." He said he felt "desperately sorry" for his son and for Georgina's family.

The inquiry report says the two families shared "a common grief. If their cries do no more than arouse policymakers, managers and professionals to listen more attentively, the tragedy will not have been in vain," it says.

Mrs Robinson, of Fairfield, Gloucestershire, endorsed Sir Louis's suggested changes to the Mental Health Act. Clarification was needed because people were finding it difficult to follow. "I wish I was confident these changes would take place, but I don't know that the Government are totally behind it," she said. Certain patients needed special care, but it was not available.

DEATHS AT THE EDITH MORGAN CENTRE

The Edith Morgan Centre has a history of violent and fatal incidents involving patients and staff since it opened in December 1985:

January 1987: first suicide by a recently discharged patient.

1988: two patient suicides.

1989: two patient suicides and one killing. In August, Julian Hall, a paranoid schizophrenic, killed his ex-girlfriend's lover with a plank.

1990: three patient suicides. Independent inquiry recommended that the centre should close.

1991: three patient suicides.

1992: six patient suicides.

1993: five suicides and on September 1 Georgina Robinson was fatally stabbed by Andrew Robinson. September 28: Paul Mutch, a schizophrenic patient, escaped and hanged himself in a nearby shed. December 15: Stephen Hext, a 21-year-old schizophrenic patient at the centre, jumped to his death from a multi-storey car-park in Torquay.

1994: April 4: Martin Reger, detained under the Mental Health Act, died in his fume-filled car an hour after being discharged.

☐ April 18: second independent report recommends closure.

☐ May 13: Anthony Peters attacks nursing assistant.

☐ June 13: two female patients detained under the Mental Health Act "go missing".

☐ July 7: 23-year-old David Falconer, a psychotic patient, died after allegedly being injected with drugs while being restrained by staff.

Patients who went on to become killers

LAST October the Royal College of Psychiatrists disclosed that in three years 34 killers had had treatment the year before committing their crimes. They said at least 13 killings could have been avoided with closer supervision (Robin Young writes).

The cases included:

Christopher Clunis, 30, a schizophrenic, who stabbed to death Jonathan Zito, 27, after selecting him from a crowd at a London Underground station in December 1992, weeks after his release from hospital.

Carol Barratt, 24, a psychiatric patient who stabbed Emma Brodie, 11, to death in a Doncaster shopping precinct in April 1991, having been released from hospital 48 hours previously.

Michael Buchanan, a psychiatric patient, murdered Frederic Graver, 54, on his fourth release from hospital.

Dennis Archer, being treated for severe depression, who axed his wife Margaret to death and then committed suicide in July 1993.

Rodney Rollins, 24, who killed his father, Joseph, in November 1993 after being released by magistrates.

In October last year a hospital out-patient aged 32 was arrested after allegedly stabbing to death a mother of four young children in Herne Hill, south London.

Psychiatric nurse helps police to distinguish the mentally ill

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A PSYCHIATRIC nurse has been seconded to three of London's busiest police stations to help police to cope with rising numbers of mentally ill suspects.

David Etherington is being funded by the Home Office for a one-year pilot scheme to assess whether suspects should be diverted from the police to psychiatric teams and hospitals. The scheme has been prompted partly by the case of Christopher Clunis, a schizophrenic who in 1992 killed Jonathan Zito, a stranger, at a north London Underground station.

Police and psychiatrists have become increasingly concerned about the plight of patients such as Clunis, who are released under care in the community schemes and end up wandering the streets. Up to 30 per cent of homeless people living on the streets are estimated to be mentally ill and Scotland Yard has launched a scheme to train all its 28,000 officers how to deal with them.

A survey of one north London area last year showed stations dealt with 197 mentally disordered people in 28 days. Other research suggests up to 6 per cent of all suspects detained are suffering from mental disorder. A special psychiatric team offers instant assessment for defendants at one of London's main magistrates' courts.

Mr Etherington, who covers Charing Cross, West End Central and Marylebone stations, said the police themselves and police surgeons were good at identifying people who were overtly suffering from mental illness. He patrols the area between normality and illness. Mr Etherington, veteran of an emergency team attached to the Maudsley Hospital in south London, said the people he saw might not be openly psychotic or schizophrenic but he pointed out that a depressive could descend into violence. He was called to one man who was arrested after going to strike an officer as he made a complaint in a station. The man was frantically banging his head against the cell wall. He was extremely claustrophobic and very demonstrable by nature. Police released him.



Etherington: on secondment to police

Many of the people Mr Etherington sees have been brought into stations for minor matters. Usually homeless, they may have come to London because they wanted to avoid treatment.

The people he sees may avoid being charged, be passed to a psychiatric team, admitted to hospital or passed back to face a court. Mr Etherington and Sergeant Paul Etheridge, a Yard expert on policy for the mentally ill, believe the station assessment can save time and cost.

Ministers pledge to improve NHS breast cancer checks

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE National Health Service is to improve its system of breast cancer checks, the Government said yesterday. Women being screened for the first time will have two views taken of each breast and radiologists will be trained to improve their ability to identify cancers.

The move follows research by Professor Nicholas Wald, of the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine at St Bartholomew's Hospital in central London, which looked at the results of screening 100,000 women since 1988. It concluded that taking two views of each breast helped to identify tumours more accurately. Sharper X-rays would also help to identify malignancies.

The standard screening method is to take one diagonal view of each breast. Professor Wald's research recommends that a second view be taken from above. More than half the 90 units in the NHS breast screening programme have adopted the new method and the rest are expected to begin by the summer.

Julietta Patnick, national coordinator of the NHS Breast Screening Programme, said: "The move to two views will be welcomed by everyone in the programme as it will help us to be more effective at detecting cancers and at ensuring that women are not recalled for further investigation unnecessarily.

"There are concerns about the number of cancers that have occurred in women between the three-yearly screening interval in the first few years of the programme. We are confident that with the move to two-view screening, along with a number of other improvements in technology and in techniques, we will start to see a decrease in the number of these interval cancers."

Horse trainer injured in fall

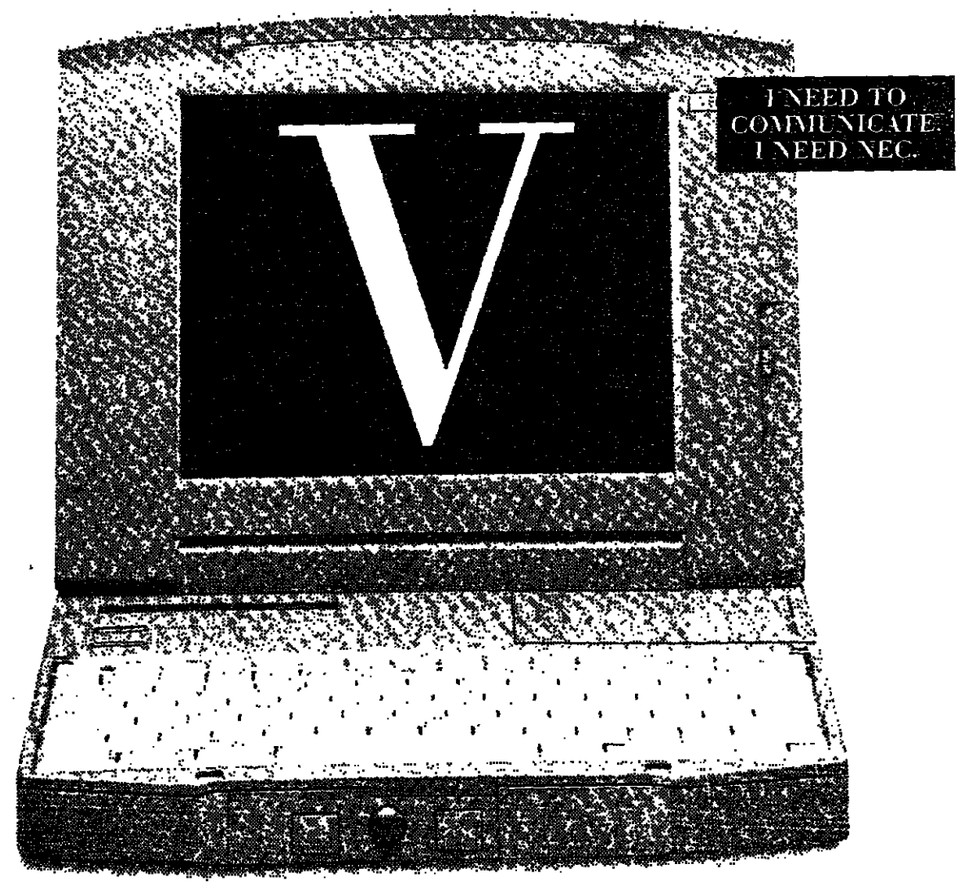
BY ROBIN YOUNG

A NATIONAL Hunt trainer suffered serious spinal injuries yesterday when she was thrown from her horse. Elsie Mitchell, 47, a former amateur jockey, was riding with her husband, Norman, 49, when she fell.

Mr Mitchell galloped home to East Hill Stables, near Piddletrenthide, Dorset, to raise the alarm. Mrs Mitchell, a mother of three, was taken to hospital in Weymouth. Her son Nick, 25, said yesterday that his mother had fallen badly. "She was out for a canter and the horse had a bit of a flick and she landed on the base of her spine."

Mr and Mrs Mitchell train about 20 National Hunt horses and were putting two through their paces when the accident happened. Mrs Mitchell's condition was described as comfortable last night.

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Sun attacked over photos from Parker Bowles home

BY ALAN HAMILTON

BRIGADIER Andrew Parker Bowles and his wife, Camilla, issued a statement through their lawyers yesterday, condemning newspaper publication of a photograph of a four-poster double bed at their home in Corsham, Wiltshire.

The picture was published by *The Sun* to accompany allegations that the bed had been used by Mrs Parker Bowles and the Prince of Wales. The newspaper also published a photograph of a single bed to which, it claimed, Brigadier Parker Bowles had been banished while his wife had an affair with the Prince.

In a statement issued jointly by their respective solicitors, the Parker Bowleses, who are to divorce soon, accused *The Sun* of publishing photographs "copies of which have either been purloined without our consent or knowledge from a family album at our home, or which have been taken inside our home, presumably in our absence".

The statement added that the couple intended to take no further action at this stage, although a spokesman for the solicitors would not rule out the possibility.

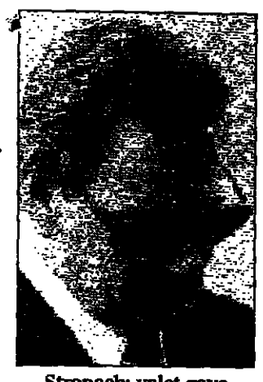
Publication of the picture by *The Sun* follows Sunday's publication by its sister paper, the *News Of The World*, of a picture of the Prince of Wales's bedside table at Highgrove. The centrepiece was a photograph of Mrs Parker Bowles on a garden bench outside the royal family's house at Birkhall, near Balmoral.

Buckingham Palace said yesterday that an investigation was under way to discover how Ken Stronach, 50, the Prince's valet, had come to make allegations of his master's relationship with Mrs Parker Bowles and to hand over a photograph taken inside a private royal residence. Police are expected to be involved in the inquiry because of the security implications but the Prince's office would not say whether Mr Stronach had been interviewed by police or by Commander Richard Aylard, the Prince's private secretary.

Mr Stronach, who had been accompanying the Prince on a private weekend visit to Birkhall, was suspended on full pay pending an investigation as soon as his disclosures to the *News of the World* became known. The Prince's office would not be drawn yesterday on whether it would seek an injunction preventing publication of further disclosures by the valet.

Mr Stronach's first wife, Lillian, alleged yesterday that he was a wife-beater. She said she was forced to obtain an injunction in 1985 to prevent him from contacting her. "Ken threatened to smash a glass in my face or disfigure me with the knife he kept by his bed," she said. "He even said he would shoot me in the legs."

Yesterday *The Sun* published what it described as two "devastating" new chapters to *Camilla — The King's Mistress*, by Caroline Graham, a former *Sun* journalist. The book alleges that Brigadier and Mrs Parker Bowles decided not to divorce while her mother, Rosalind Shand, was alive. Mrs Shand died in July, aged 74.



Stronach: valet gave photograph to paper



JOHNNY EGGITT

Japanese tourists in central London yesterday, taking no chances with the air they breathe, make an eloquent point about air quality

London drivers face £5,000 fine over faulty exhausts

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

DRIVERS whose vehicles break pollution limits in London face a £5,000 fine under legislation before Parliament. The move would allow council employees or private contractors to have police-style powers to stop, test and fine vehicles.

The scheme is being promoted by the capital's councils under the London Local Authorities Bill. Dr Jeremy Vanke, environment manager of the Royal Automobile Club, yesterday accused the councils of having drafted a revenue-raising Bill under the guise of caring for the environment. "This £5,000 fine is completely without precedent and would lead to a two-tier system, with emission faults being treated in a different way to all other vehicle faults," he said.

At the moment drivers face only a £1,000 fine if they are found to have vehicle faults that they fail to rectify in a set period of time.

Dr Vanke said the RAC was also worried about the huge powers that the Bill seeks to secure for a council's "authorised officer", which may include a parking warden or private contractor, unaccompanied by a police officer, who would have the right to flag down and climb into a vehicle for the purposes of testing its emissions.

The fines and extra powers are being spearheaded by Tory-controlled Westminster City Council, which has placed the private Bill before Parliament. Other provisions include the use of cameras to enforce bus lanes.

The Bill would allow councils to issue immediate fixed penalties and to move to the £5,000 fine if the driver failed to rectify emission faults. The Bill has a reasonable chance of becoming law as ministers are under pressure to curb air pollution.

Bill 'means fewer polluters caught'

ANTI-pollution inspectors will be powerless to stop old rubbish dumps contaminating rivers under government proposals for a national environment agency, it was claimed yesterday (Nick Nuttall writes).

The National Rivers Authority (NRA), which will today seek a series of amendents to the Environment Agencies Bill, says the new body will be powerless in several key areas. Hundreds of miles of waterways suffer from chemicals leaking from polluted land and old mines. But the Bill requires councils first to list a site as contaminated before the agency's officials can act.

Most of the nation's old rubbish dumps are owned by metropolitan and county councils and the costs of cleaning them could be high. Dr Geoff Mance, of the NRA, said: "Many councils may have quite a strong incentive to sit on their hands. We want an enforcement power so that if the local authority does not initiate action, after a reasonable time we can."

Critics of the agencies Bill, which will merge the powers of the NRA, the inspectorate of Pollution and regional waste authorities, claim the Government has been too concerned with costs to industry rather than protecting the environment, and that the Bill could reduce the number of polluters prosecuted.

NEWS IN BRIEF

£15,000 fine for asbestos clearance

A company was fined £15,000 yesterday for haphazard clearance of asbestos from a factory site.

Alan Craddock, for the prosecution, told Wolverhampton magistrates that millions of asbestos fibres were scattered into the air and that a skip loaded with asbestos had shed fibres during a 40-mile round trip from Wolverhampton to Telford. Rolls-Royce Nuclear Engineering Services, of Ettingshall, admitted failing to ensure the health and safety of people not in its employment.

Drug gang jailed

Three men involved in smuggling cocaine with a street value of £3 million were jailed at Liverpool yesterday. Diego Miceli, 35, of Halewood, Liverpool, received 21 years, Antonio Ciraola, 30, of Everton, 18 years and Santo Picone, 34, of Toxteth, 12 years.

Textile death

A 29-year-old textile worker was killed early yesterday at a factory in Wigan after being pulled into a threading machine. Health and Safety officials are investigating.

Swan fines

Two men were fined £1,000 each after admitting shooting swans on a marsh in Dumfries and Galloway. Their shotguns were confiscated by Stranraer Sheriff Court.

Lip bitten off

A man had his lip bitten off in an unprovoked attack by a teenage gang in Newcastle upon Tyne. Joe MacKinnon, 18, was waiting for a bus with a friend.

Girl killed

Lea Forbes, 18, was killed and three youths injured early yesterday when a stolen car in which they were travelling crashed into a lamppost in Aberdeen and overturned.

Face the music

Bristol magistrates have fined Ann Tatum £875 for repeatedly playing loud music. Neighbours complained that it could be heard 50 metres from her home in Lockleaze.

Princess 'willing to give evidence'

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Princess of Wales is ready and willing to go into the witness box next month in her legal action over publication of photographs of her privately exercising in a gym, her lawyers said yesterday.

The Princess's determination to go ahead comes after news that Bryce Taylor, the owner of the West London gym, was granted legal aid to fight the proceedings. If the case does proceed — and there is still a chance it may be settled out of court — the Princess would be the first member of the Royal Family to enter the witness box since the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, in 1891.

Anthony Julius, partner with Mishcon de Reya, the Princess's lawyers, said yesterday: "The trial is scheduled for Monday February 13; we have served a witness statement for the Princess and she is ready to give evidence."

The case, which arises after sneaked photographs of the Princess were published in the *Daily Mirror*, is likely to last just under two weeks. The Princess is suing Mr Taylor and Mirror Group Newspapers for breach of contract, of confidence and of fiduciary duty. Her case is being handled by Lord Mishcon, a consultant with the firm he founded, and Karen Sanig, a solicitor in the litigation department. Andrew Caldecott, QC, will be the Princess's counsel.

The Princess would be putting herself at the mercy of Geoffrey Robertson, a leading QC on the left-wing of the legal profession known for his anti-Establishment views, who is acting for Mr Taylor and who would be able to cross-examine her. Mr Taylor, whose legal aid bill could total £200,000, might have settled out of court had legal aid not been granted. He had wanted to pay his lawyers from the profits from the sale of the pictures, thought to total £70,000, but the profits were frozen pending the outcome of the case.

Mr Taylor applied to pay his legal costs out of the frozen assets but a High Court judge ruled that only one third be available for legal fees. Mr Taylor could not pay his full costs without legal aid.

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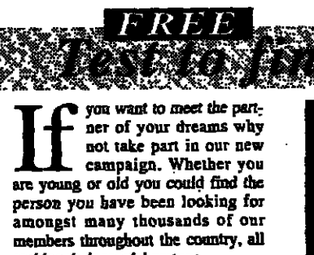
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Schooling

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☐ Shy ☐ Reliable

☐ Romantic ☐ Adventurous

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☐ always ready for a joke

☐ somewhat dreamy

☐ never has problems

☐ takes life a bit too seriously

☐ not easily upset

☐ always active

☐ charity

7. Your interests

☐ Wining/Dining ☐ Jazz/Folk music

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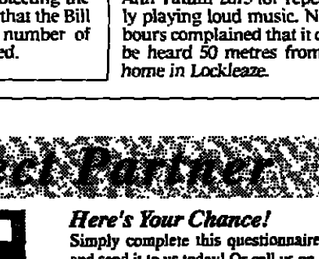
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Yes, living elsewhere ☐ None ☐

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Cult three-wheeler lives to drive again

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

RELIANT, maker of the cult three-wheeled cars made famous by Del Boy Trotter in BBC's *Only Fools and Horses*, has been rescued from the receivers.

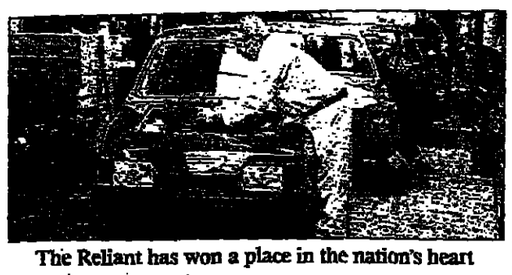
Two property developers whose offices stand next to the 60-year-old company in Tamworth, Staffordshire, have bought the two-acre site and leased it to Avonex, an aerospace engineering company, which plans to turn the business around within two months.

Roger Smith, chairman of Smith Brothers, said: "The Reliant company has been an important feature of the Tamworth economy for many years and, as the factory is virtually next door to our headquarters, we felt we had to make every effort to ensure the firm's continuing existence."

Avonex believes output could return to pre-receivership levels of 800 three-wheelers and Sabre Scimitar sports cars a year. It is the second time in three years that Reliant has had to be rescued. The carmaker's latest difficulties arose when its owner, Beans Industries, collapsed in November. A buyer for Beans, which manufactures motor components, has yet to be found.

If receivers had been unable to find a buyer for Reliant, the loss would have left a hole in British motoring culture. The three-wheeler is cemented in the public mind as the essential transport for Trotters Independent Traders in the television series in which Del Boy and his brother Rodney careered from crisis to crisis in their Rialto van.

With their rust-resistant glass fibre shells and economical 850cc engines, the three-wheeler Rialtos and Robin, designed in 1935, have remained remarkably popular — in part, perhaps, because owners need only a motorcycle licence to drive them.



The Reliant has won a place in the nation's heart

25% rise in airline crash fatalities

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

THE number of passengers who died in airline accidents around the world last year rose by 25 per cent, to 1,385. Pilot error was again the main cause of the crashes, *Flight International* magazine said.

The number of fatal crashes, at 47, was slightly lower than in 1993; the rise in the number of deaths reflected the increase in the size of aircraft. Insurance claims after the accidents are likely to be double those for 1993 and reach $2 billion (about £1.3 billion), according to the report.

David Learmount, *Flight International*'s safety editor, said the number of accidents in which there was significant pilot error was "depressingly familiar" to previous years. There was little evidence so far that sophisticated aircraft designed to eliminate pilot error were doing so.

The report, compiled from initial investigations, showed that 31 fatal accidents were caused at least in part by crew error, 16 were caused by weather problems, 15 when the aircraft flew into the ground for no apparent reason, seven by engine failure, three by structural failure, two by an operational problem, one by a maintenance fault and one by a fire in the cabin.

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Measles vaccine wasted in £2m ordering blunder

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

NEARLY three million doses of the measles vaccine remain unused after the Government's £20 million vaccination campaign last autumn because of a blunder over how much would be needed.

The surplus, amounting to a fifth of the total ordered and worth at least £2 million, may go to waste because health authorities do not have the money to use it on other patients. The vaccine has a shelf life of three years.

The campaign, the biggest ever launched in Britain, resulted in the immunisation of nearly seven million schoolchildren aged from 5 to 16 last November. The vaccine was supplied free to health authorities but they had to pay from their own budgets for staff to administer it. Some want to use the surplus on sixth formers but say they cannot afford to give it.

Both the health department and Smith Kline Beecham, the main supplier, are blaming each other for the surplus. A Health Department spokesman said the company had supplied 20 per cent more vaccine than was ordered or needed. "It was not a waste of money. We paid a certain amount and we were given too much. It is not our blunder," the health spokesman said.

Smith Kline Beecham said the Health Department had received the 12.3 million doses it had ordered and claimed the surplus had arisen because the department advised health authorities that each ten-dose vial would be enough for only seven children. "In fact, a good operator can get 11 doses out of each 10-dose vial," a spokesman said.

The Health Department said later that because the vaccine had to be diluted before being given, its calculation of the amount needed to cover wastage was based on the amount of diluent supplied. Smith Kline Beecham supplied 20 per cent more diluent than expected, enabling nurses who gave the vaccinations to get more than seven doses from each ten-dose vial.

"We have correspondence from their medical director, Dr Faulds, showing this to be the case," the Health Department spokesman said. A decision over what to do with the surplus will be taken at the end of next month when health authorities complete mopping up of children who missed the main campaign, the Health Department said.

A further two million doses were supplied by Merieux, another vaccine manufacturer, but there were no errors involved in that order.

Dr Aidan Macfarlane, director of child health services for Oxfordshire Health Authority, said time spent giving the vaccinations during last November's campaign had cost the authority "a hell of a lot of money".

He said: "The Health Department supplied the vaccine for nothing but we had to find our own staff to give it. We used school nurses, doctors and any medical staff we could lay our hands on.

"We got rather more than seven doses out of each 10-dose vial. We wanted to vaccinate sixth formers but although we have the vaccine we don't have the money to pay the nurses."


MARTIN BEDDALL

The Rev Michael Watts of the Society of the Maintenance of the Faith, left, Dr Kent and Mr Masding at Westminster Abbey yesterday

Parish patrons unite to halt liberalism

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

CHURCH leaders met in London yesterday to launch a group which they hope will prevent traditional Anglicanism from splitting into factions and will provide a forum for debate on contentious issues such as women priests.

The Private Patrons Consultative Group represents five Church of England societies, including the Church Union, which are responsible for maintaining traditional, evangelical or catholic worship. The group will advise private patrons who have the right to nominate clergy to vacancies in 1,400 parishes.

It will deal with a wide range of issues, including women in the priesthood and diocesan powers over parish appointments. Paul Kent, convener of the group and President of the Society for Maintenance of Faith, said: "The Church of England has committed itself to a dual identity — a freewheeling liberal aspect on the one hand, and on the other a traditional orthodox view which declares itself to have some points of reference. This was brought to a head by the issue of women priests."

Consortium representatives denied that they had come together against the ordination of women. But yesterday only one of the six representatives present admitted to supporting women in such a role.

The Rev John Masding, chairman of the English Clergy Association, said the group "came together because patronage is being diluted and because of the suspension of livings within the church". He admitted that the consortium was inclined to a traditionalist view. "We feel that the following of fashion is no way of gaining confidence and will extend a sympathetic ear to those churches who want to remain in the traditional vein."

Members fear patronage may be under threat from the General Synod. "The Church is not a centralised body," Mr Masding said. "Centres of power and accountability are variously located and should remain so. Private patrons ensure an alternative locus of power."

Delay over blood test 'put patients' health at risk'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE blood transfusion service was accused last night of jeopardising people's health by delaying the introduction of a test for Hepatitis C virus for two years.

Between 1989 and 1991, thousands of patients received blood contaminated with the virus, according to the BBC1 programme *Panorama*. The Government plans to trace those who had been infected with contaminated blood to provide counselling and, if necessary, treatment.

The service could face legal claims from people infected during the two-year period when the test was available but was not used. Over the period, it is estimated, about 3,600 bags of infected blood were given to patients.

Hepatitis C virus can cause liver inflammation which is usually mild but may in about a fifth of the cases lead to cirrhosis of the liver in 20 years. Of these, about a tenth go on to develop liver cancer.

The first test was developed by 1989 and adopted abroad. Dr John Barbara, a consultant at the National Blood Authority, told *Panorama* that he had not wanted to start screening blood donations then because the test produced too many false positive results.

Dr Geoffrey Dusheiko, a liver specialist at the Royal Free Hospital in London, told *Panorama*: "We were adamant that Hepatitis C screening should be introduced and I thought that moment had arrived once a test was authorised in several countries."

The Haemophilia Society believes more than 3,000 people with haemophilia have been infected with the virus, many before any test was available. In Belgium, *Panorama* said, the problem with false positives was dealt with by a second test.

☐ *A Panorama helpline, on 0800-767800, is open 10am-6pm today and tomorrow.*

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Dimbleby moves to organic farm

THE broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby and his wife, Bel Mooney, are to become part-time organic farmers after buying a 60-acre property in Langridge, near Bath (Rachel Kelly writes).

Yesterday the Dimblebys put their home in Swainswick, about a mile away, on the market for £495,000. They denied that the move was because of their unsuccessful campaign last year against a bypass on the edge of Swainswick. Ms Mooney, a writer, and her daughter Kitty lived in a camp with New Age travellers to protest against the road.

Ms Mooney said: "Jonathan has always wanted to farm. This will enable us to fulfil his dream of a small organic farm with Hereford cows and Welsh sheep."

Mr Dimbleby, a graduate of the Royal Agricultural College in Cirencester and President of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, will spend half his week farming and half working on London Weekend Television's Sunday political programme, previously presented by Brian Walden.

He has farmed a smallholding for the past 18 months but this will be the first time he has owned a house with surrounding land. He refused to say how much the farm, with its four-bedroom 18th-century house, had cost.

"I first saw the farmhouse about six or seven years ago," he said. "I asked its owner to let me know if he ever wanted to sell." The farm would henceforth be "in conversion" to organic farming.


Dimbleby: 60-acre farm

New radio station to broadcast in London

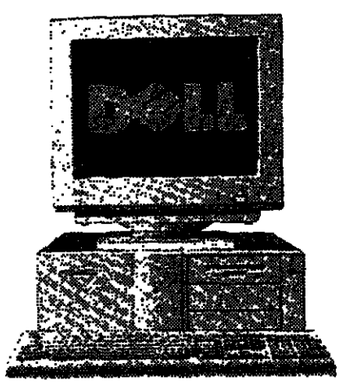
BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE Radio Authority has bowed to pressure from the broadcasting and music industries and agreed to create another commercial radio station for London.

The move comes after the authority's decision last October to award two licences in London to competing rock music stations, despite its remit to expand diversity and choice. The authority said it had reconsidered its priorities since it declared in October that it would not offer further London licences.

"We are a listening authority," a spokeswoman said. "If people in the industry are saying that there is room for more formats, then who are we to say no."

A number of the unsuccessful applicants from October are expected to bid for the new licence, including the music stations Choice FM and XFM and the business news station London Business Radio. XFM, offering "alternative, independent rock", had threatened to seek leave for a judicial review of the decision against it.



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Gulf War syndrome is only chronic fatigue, says doctor

BY A STAFF REPORTER

MOST British Army veterans who fear they have the so-called Gulf War syndrome show symptoms typical of ME, chronic fatigue illness, it was disclosed yesterday. Wing Commander Bill Coker, the military doctor in charge of examining the syndrome patients referred to him by their doctors, said there was "no evidence" of a specific Gulf War illness.

Most patients suffered from tiredness, irritability, increased aggression, headaches, hair loss and poor family relationships. "Those are all symptoms which are suggestive of what used to be called psychosomatic disease," he said in an interview with *Soldier* magazine.

More than 500 veterans are preparing to seek damages against the Ministry of Defence. Wg Cdr Coker's claims have been challenged by Donn & Co, solicitors representing more than 450 veterans.

Hilary Meredith, a partner, said: "How can so many personnel returning from the Gulf War be suffering from ME? If they are suffering from ME, why have so many of them been discharged and are now unfit for work? It is a well-known fact that ME can be caused by a flu injection.

"The MoD knew or ought to have known that subjecting men to a barrage of injections and tablets over a short period would result in chronic adverse effects and long-term illness."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer East — North-South game. IMPs

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All pass			

Opening lead: ♥K

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

(1) A pre-emptive raise, guaranteeing a good fit but not a great deal of strength.

Today's deal comes from the Scotland v Northern Ireland match in Perth in the first round of this year's series of Macallan Camrose matches (the home internationals).

A crucial decision fell to the experienced Irish international Keith Singleton, who was South above.

West led the king, queen and a third heart. Singleton ruffed and drew trumps in three rounds, ending in the South hand. All depended on the club suit. Had Singleton taken the finesse, there would have been no story — just another contract biting the dust. However, the Irish declarer re-examined the hand in the light of the auction. West had made a pre-emptive bid and yet had already shown the king and queen of hearts. Could he also have the king of clubs?

Singleton decided that there just was not enough room in the West hand for this card. He played a club to the ace, and his fine piece of card reading was rewarded when the king of clubs fell. With a name like that I suppose he did not have much option.

☐ The second round of the Macallan Camrose trophy takes place this weekend. Wales plays Northern Ireland at the Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl, and England plays Scotland at the Friendly Hotel, Bowthorne, Norwich.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Dynamic duo

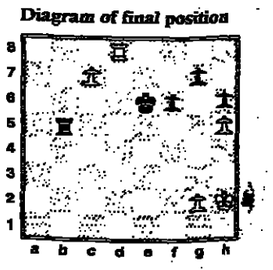
Britain's grandmaster Michael Adams has joined Nigel Short in the last 16 of the knockout tournament in Wijk aan Zee in The Netherlands. Adams qualified after a marathon series of draws against V. Tkachiev, the Kazakhstan master, breaking through to secure victory in only the final game.

White: Adams
Black: Tkachiev
Wijk aan Zee, January 1995

Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Bg5	Ne4
3	Bf4	d5
4	e3	Bf5
5	Nd2	e6
6	Bd3	Nxd2
7	Qxd2	Bxd3
8	Qxd3	c6
9	Nf3	Be7
10	h4	Qa5+
11	c3	Nd7
12	h5	h6
13	Ne5	Nxe5
14	Bxe5	Bf6
15	Bf4	c5
16	0-0	Qb6
17	dxc5	Qxc5
18	e4	dxe4
19	Qxe4	0-0
20	Qf3	Qb5
21	b3	Rad8
22	Rad1	Qe8
23	c4	Bb2
24	e4	Qb6
25	a5	Qb4
26	Bc7	Rd4
27	Rb1	Rd2
28	Qg3	Qc3
29	Qg4	Qd4
30	Qf3	Qf6
31	Qxb7	e5
32	Qxa7	Bd4
33	Bb6	Rd8
34	Bxd4	R8xd4
35	a6	e4
36	Qb6+	Kh7
37	a7	e3
38	Qg3	exf2+
39	Rxf2	Qb6
40	Rxd2	Rxd2+
41	Kh2	Qxa7
42	Qf4	Qd7
43	Rf1	f6
44	Qf5+	Qxf5
45	Rxf5	Rb2
46	Rb6	Kg8
47	c5	Kf7
48	b4	Ke7
49	Rb7+	Ke6
50	c6	Kd6
51	b5	Rb3
52	Rd7+	Ke6
53	Rd8	Rxb5
54	c7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Ex-deputy is appointed to top job at Parkhurst

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Prison Service yesterday appointed a former deputy governor at Parkhurst to run the top-security jail from which two murderers and an arsonist escaped.

Max Morrison, 50, takes on the top job at the Isle of Wight jail after the Prison Service forced John Marriott to leave the job in the wake of the breakout by the life-sentence prisoners.

Mr Morrison, a graduate, has been promoted from a governor 2 post to become one of the country's top six governors in charge of maximum-security jails. He said yesterday: "It is a step up for me but the same rules apply. I have my own style of doing things and I shall run this prison in my own way."

Security at Parkhurst has been increased since the recapture of the three convicts last week. Mr Morrison, previously governor of Albany jail, less than 400 yards from the gates of Parkhurst, said: "There should be no problems that can't be sorted out."

He said he had talked to Mr Marriott before accepting the job. "It is a very great honour to be appointed governor of Parkhurst but I would rather it had been under different circumstances." He has run a "constructive regime" at Albany jail and said he would not be seeking to make dramatic changes at Parkhurst though there would be a "slight change of emphasis".

Mr Morrison's initial tasks will be to restore morale at the jail, implement new security measures and ensure that staff carry out the Prison Service's rules. "I am expecting to have to implement hundreds of recommendations from the security investigation team, on top of all the other work that has to be done."

No one has escaped from Albany in the 30 years since it opened on the Isle of Wight. Mr Morrison has been governor there since 1993 and was deputy governor at Parkhurst for six years until 1985. While at Parkhurst he had special responsibility for controlling disruptive prisoners in the jail's special unit.

Mr Morrison, married with two children, also spent three years at Prison Service headquarters working on overall security policy in the penal system. He has spent 28 years in the Prison Service, working at Dover, Blundeston in Suffolk and at Albany and Camp Hill on the Isle of Wight.

One prison source said that Mr Morrison's attraction to a Prison Service facing serious problems was that he had a "safe pair of hands" and was "not very exciting". "John Marriott ran a fairly exciting ship. I can't see Max running it like that. My only worry is that as a former deputy he may not bring a fresh eye to the problems at Parkhurst."

Alan Walker, deputy chief executive of the Scottish Prison Service, is to head the disciplinary inquiry into the Parkhurst escape.



Morrison: "I'll run jail my own way"

Resin copy of patient's skull helps surgeon to rebuild face

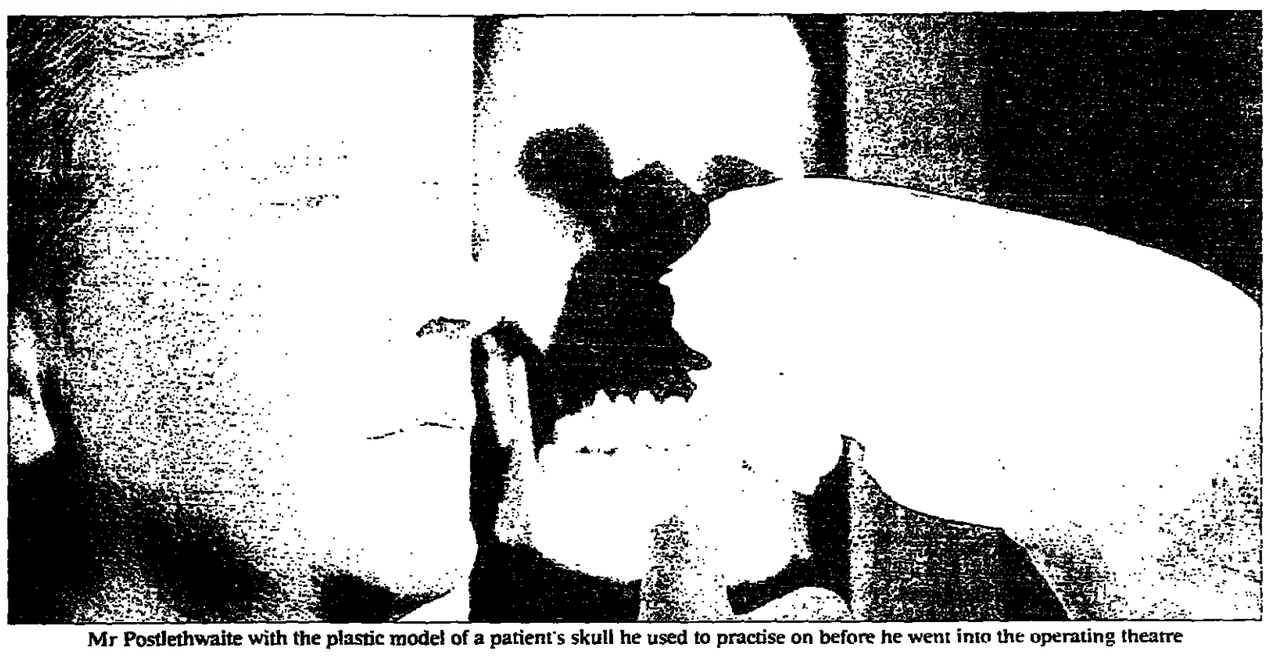
BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

A SURGEON has used a plastic replica of a patient's skull to help him to reconstruct the face of a lorry driver badly injured in a motor accident.

Keith Postlethwaite, a surgeon at Newcastle's Royal Victoria Infirmary, studied a full-size model of the man's skull to work out in advance how to reassemble and fasten together the badly broken bones. He believes it was the first time that such a technique has been used in Britain.

Despite six previous operations, the lorry driver, Maurice Bell, could neither talk nor eat solid food after a crash four years ago left him unable to open his jaw more than two millimetres. He has now made a full recovery.

Mr Postlethwaite hopes to use the technique regularly.



Mr Postlethwaite with the plastic model of a patient's skull he used to practise on before he went into the operating theatre

"It enables you to see what's going on," he said. "You can hold the model in your hand and practise surgery on it, cutting it up and repositioning the bones. We use lots of plates and screws to hold the bones together and with the model we can prepare them in advance. It cuts down a lot of time on the operating table." The models are made using an industrial prototyping technique called stereolithography, normally used to change computer designs into solid three-dimensional models.

To make the skull, a computer scans the patient's head in a series of 0.15mm slices. Copies of these slices are then traced out by lasers in resin and bonded together to form the full skull.

Gordon Styles, managing director of the Stockton-on-Tees company that made the model, said the process takes about 28 hours, and costs £3,800 for the two replicas needed by the surgeon — one to practise on, the other as reference. But in Maurice Bell's case, the model saved four hours' operating time at £1,000 an hour as well as making possible an operation that Mr Postlethwaite might not otherwise have attempted.

The modelling technique has been used in Australia and Belgium. Mr Postlethwaite would like to get models made for many trauma victims at the time of their accident. "In selected cases, it would be very successful" he said.

He believes that if more health authorities were willing to pay for models to be made, hundreds of patients a year could be helped.

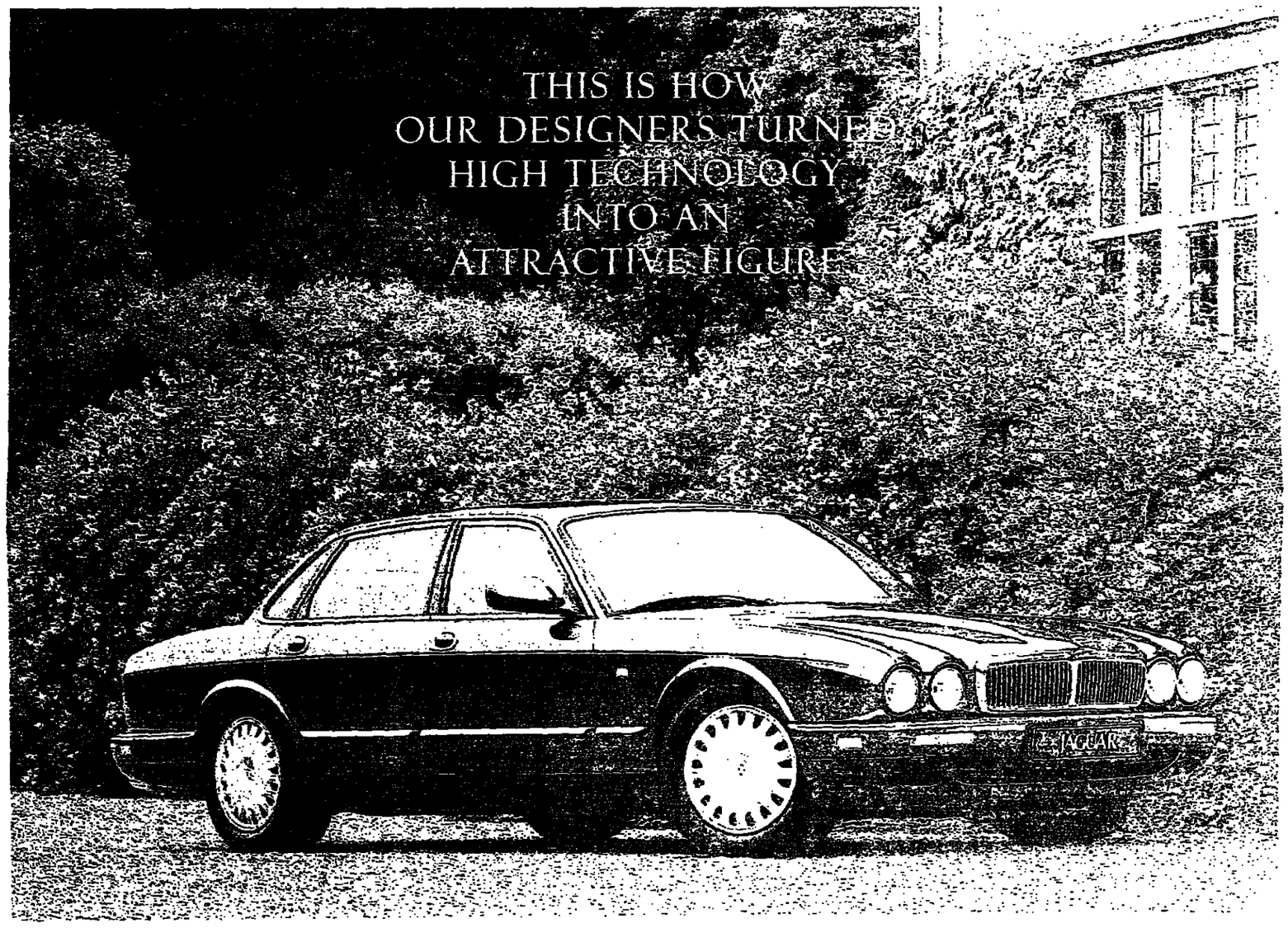
Gene test can detect phoney fruit juices

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH scientists have developed a genetic fingerprinting test that will enable trading standards officers to detect phoney fruit juices.

Sellers of fruit juices are required to meet strict labelling standards under European Union rules. But some try to increase profits on orange juice by adding tangerine, grapefruit or apple to make low-grade juice look and taste better. Others add sugar beet liquids or hybrid oranges, which are illegal additives in Britain.

A team based at the University of Leicester has developed a simple genetic test that can detect the purity of different fruit juices. It believes that similar techniques could also be used to check the constituents of jams, yoghurts and other foods.



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Major gives confident voice to Tories' hopes of fighting back

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

It was not so much what John Major said but the way that he said it and the fact that he said it at all. His Downing Street news conference yesterday was more revealing about his mood and tactics than about the launch of any initiatives. The whole was greater than the individual parts: the ringing support for the monarchy, the reaffirmed pledge to privatise British Rail and the reassuring signals to the Ulster Unionists.

Tony Blair's comments that the people of Britain would be left wondering "what on earth the Prime Minister was trying to achieve" and that he had "nothing new to say" miss the point. Mr Major's aim was to show that he is no longer a leader in trouble, beset by party divisions and government mistakes. Hence he and his advisers see an opportunity to fight back.

These hopes may again be wishful thinking with the Tories' poll rating at a record low, miles behind Labour. But since the new year there has been an unmistakeable sense at Westminster that the Government and the Tory party have recovered their nerve. An elaborate dance of peace, if not of friendship, has begun between party managers and Euro-rebels, though, as Mr Major said, it "takes two to tango". He also outlined an approach to Europe which offered "a road to unity" ahead of the intergovernmental conference next year. Above all, Labour has been in the headlines because of internal disagreements about Clause Four, education policy, devolution and rail privatisation.

This shift in the terms of the political debate may be short-lived. The Tory truce is fragile and the Government is not about to become suddenly popular. But Mr Major has at least a respite, a chance to look beyond immediate troubles and to exploit Labour's difficulties. Mr Major is at his best in these circumstances. He does not sound injured and resentful. Rather, he appears self-confident and relaxed, as he was yesterday. He teased Labour and sought to deal with the worries of the Ulster Unionists (by ruling out joint authority) and of the Tory Euro-sceptics.

His formal statement was thin on substance but sensible in direction. There were vague phrases about "single-mindedly pursuing our interests around the world" and "Britain making things once more and selling them around the world" (as if it didn't during the recession). More important was Mr Major's recognition of the challenge facing the Tories at the next election, "in around two years, a little more, a little less". He stressed that after 17 years no one should be complacent about the size of the task. "No party has a divine right to govern and no one should expect a bouncy economy alone to be sufficient for victory". In that sentence lies the germ of a strategy for re-election. The onus of proof will be on the Tories. However much they try to focus on flaws in Labour policies, the Tories will have to justify a fifth term, to answer the charge that they have been too long in office and it is time for a change. Economic recovery is a necessary, but not a sufficient, condition. The desire to govern is not enough, even if the Tories are a more competent Government over the next couple of years.

As Mr Major yesterday recognised, the Tories have to offer positive reasons for remaining in office, covering the whole range of economic and social policies. What would a Major Britain look like in ten years? The proposed policy group's under-secretaries of state will have achieved more than has ever been managed before if they do "think boldly and imaginatively". Mr Major is trying to show that his Government has not run out of steam and ideas, as it has appeared to do over the past year. The odds and history are against him. But the counter-attack has, at least and at last, begun.

PETER RIDDELL

'It is fundamentally flawed and wrong'

Devolution plan is a nonsense, says Labour MP

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR'S proposals for devolution in Scotland were dismissed by a Labour MP last night as "election-losing nonsense".

Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow, said that the scheme to set up a Scottish parliament was unworkable and could prove an "enormous vote-loser" in the English marginal seats that Labour needs to win.

Speaking to a Labour meeting in Blaby, Leicestershire, Mr Dalyell said that the plan would make parliamentary government impossible and and added: "The English won't stomach it," he said. "It is fundamentally flawed and wrong."

Apparently he made plans for the speech in October, but his constituency party officials urged him to reconsider when the Prime Minister lambasted Labour's position on devolution in his New Year message. Mr Dalyell insisted on going ahead with the speech in spite of their plea.

John Major and a number of Cabinet ministers stepped up the attack on Labour's plans last week, saying that they would lead to the break up of the union.

Mr Dalyell said his motive was to save Labour from its own folly. Last night party leaders refused to be provoked by his speech. They pointed out that Mr Dalyell had consistently opposed devolution since the 1970s but that the great majority of Labour MPs were in favour of it.

Mr Blair, however, will not be happy that one of his MPs has broken ranks and threatened party unity. Mr Dalyell's remarks could also be exploited by Scottish nationalists, who argue that Labour is more concerned with winning votes in England than satisfying Scottish demands.

> "How long could such a situation last? Coherent parliamentary government would be impossible"

Mr Dalyell said that he was not being "disloyal or treacherous" but was pointing to flaws that would be identified before a general election anyway. "My loyalty is first and foremost, above all else, to what I know to be in the best interests of the British Labour Party," he said.

His main criticism of Labour's plans for a law-making and tax-raising Scottish assembly is the "West Lothian question". This is the anomaly by which the 72 Scottish MPs at Westminster would play a part in forming laws in areas such as health and education in England, but neither they nor English MPs would have a say in Scottish domestic affairs.

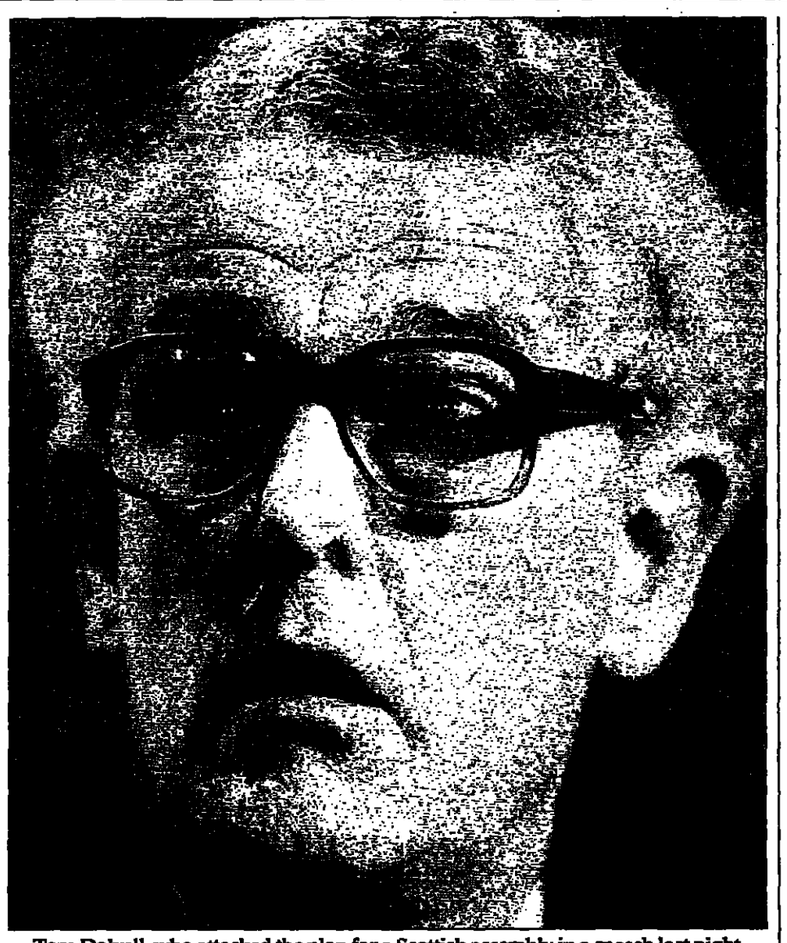
"I ask you, how long could such a situation last?" Mr Dalyell said. "Coherent parliamentary government would become impossible." Any future Tory government would not tolerate Scots MPs playing a role in English domestic affairs when they did not have similar responsibilities in Scotland.

"In every marginal constituency which it is necessary for Labour to win, the electors will be asked if they want 72 Scots deciding the complexion of their government in English counties and cities, when those same men and women do not have such authority in Scotland itself."

Condemning the plan as "an election-losing nonsense" and "an enormous vote-loser" in English marginals, he said: "How could any of us have the nerve to whisper 'unaccountable quango' in the light of our own proposals?"

Regional assemblies for England and Wales were not the answer either, as there was little demand for them and few civil servants for them to control. "Is it real to have a regional assembly for the East Midlands of some 130 people, scrutinising the work of some 250 civil servants?"

Ian Lang, the Scottish Secretary, immediately tried to capitalise on Mr Dalyell's comments. "Tam Dalyell is by no means the only Labour MP to have recognised the West Lothian question as an unsustainable flaw in Labour's proposals. Labour's stance is dishonest and it is one that we will continue to expose."



Tam Dalyell, who attacked the plan for a Scottish assembly in a speech last night

Clarke warned against risking early tax cuts

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE was given a warning by an all-party Commons committee yesterday against cutting taxes for short-term political popularity.

The Chancellor was told that he risked overheating the economy if he moved too swiftly to reduce taxation in the next Budget and that the decision should be based on economic reasoning. The calls by the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee will bolster Mr Clarke's attempts to curb right-wing pressure for early tax cuts.

The committee voiced doubts over Mr Clarke's forecast that business investment would rise by 10.75 per cent in 1995, saying that it was not convinced by the Chancellor's claim that his forecast was "wholly credible". In its report on the last Budget the committee criticised "confusion" in the Government's programme to attract private investment in public sector services, and said that the programme was flawed.

The Private Finance Initiative (PFI), set up in 1993, has led to £5 billion of schemes, although MPs complained that half the amount had been used on the Channel Tunnel rail link. They also expressed concern that the Government was using private money in place of government finance for services previously funded by the public sector.

Although ministers have insisted that private money would be additional to government funding, the MPs were unnerved by Mr Clarke's remarks that the programme "has helped us to find significant savings for the taxpayer in the transport programme". The committee concluded that the scheme "has failed to attract significant private interest and the committee is concerned with the lack of clarity over the purpose of PFI in terms of its role in replacing, rather than supplementing, public expenditure".

Mr Clarke was also pressed to allow MPs access to the results of departmental spending reviews.

MPs who questioned the Chancellor over the Budget also expressed fears over the effects of a strengthening economy on unemployment. Although the Government pointed to a two-year fall in the number of unemployed, the committee said its advisers had concluded that there was little evidence that there had been any "net full-time jobs created". It pointed to a "sizeable discrepancy" of 600,000 unemployed between the Government's surveys of employers and its surveys conducted through Jobcentres.

Malcolm Bruce, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman and a member of the committee, said that the report was an indictment of government economic strategy. "Mr Clarke cannot ignore his critics, particularly when so many of them are in his own party."

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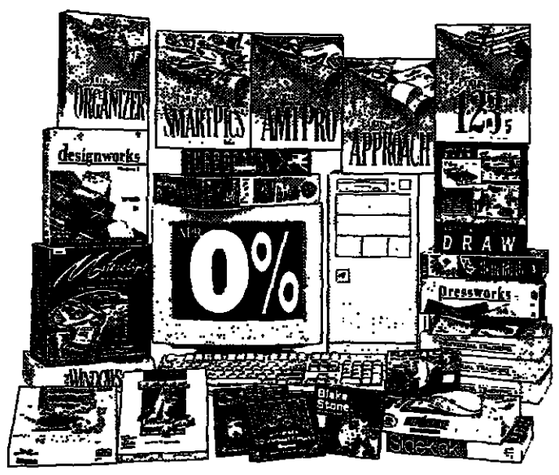
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Mawhinney sings praises of Channel Tunnel rail link

BY JONATHAN PRYNN, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Channel Tunnel high-speed rail link came a crucial step closer to completion yesterday when MPs approved legislation allowing its construction to go ahead.

However, the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill, which received its second reading yesterday, is still only in the early stages of its parliamentary passage. It will now be considered by a select committee, which will hear objections to the proposed link from the public.

The 68-mile, £2.7 billion link forms the centrepiece of the Government's initiative to bring private finance into big public sector construction projects and will open up much of Britain to direct travel to the Continent. The link, which will bring Paris to within two-and-a-half hours' journey time of London was hailed by Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, in the Commons yesterday, as "one of the most significant and ambitious pieces of infrastructure to be built this century".

Mr Mawhinney insisted that the benefits of the link would "far outweigh" any detrimental environmental impact. The measure provides powers for: the construction, maintenance and operation of the link between the tunnel and St Pancras in London; a new station at Ebbsfleet, Kent and the building of an "open box" which could possibly house a station at Stratford, east London; and widening of the A2 and M2 roads.

Michael Meacher, the Shadow Transport Secretary, attacked the Government over the delays to the project, calling the progress of the link "a national disgrace." It would not be ready until 2002 at the earliest, "eight years after Eurostar trains were forced to begin their slow trundle from the Channel".

The delay reflected "the bungling and short-sightedness which is extreme even by this Government's standards," Mr Meacher said. France had already constructed its fast link between Paris and the tunnel and the Brussels fast link was expected to be completed within the next three years, he said.

The Government's vacillation over the funding of the Channel Tunnel link had also contributed the spiralling estimates of its final cost, Mr Meacher said. He told the House: "It is now likely that the long-suffering taxpayer will wind up having to pay half the nearly £3 billion cost."



Meacher: delay "a national disgrace"



Mawhinney: hailed ambitious project

University finances cause concern

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

SIX English universities are being monitored by their funding council because of concerns about their financial position, MPs were told yesterday. One is having to make monthly returns.

Professor Graeme Davies, the chief executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England, declined to name the universities in an open session of the Public Accounts Committee. But he is to submit a confidential memorandum to the MPs in the next few weeks.

One university has already been removed from the original list of those causing concern, which was drawn up last May. Two more are expected to be given a clean bill of health when the council meets next week.

Professor Davies said the remaining four institutions faced "deep-seated" problems. The most serious was connected with long-standing capital difficulties, which had been followed by the council for at least three years.

The universities' problems were disclosed in a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General. Professor Davies said: "In my judgment, in a sector of 148 institutions, to have only four that are facing difficulties, particularly in the light of changes in their funding, is perhaps evidence that the sector is pretty good at looking after itself."

Party funding inquiry urged

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

LABOUR called on the Nolan committee yesterday to investigate the funding of political parties as part of its inquiry into ethical standards in public life.

Lord Nolan, the former law lord who chairs the committee, has already indicated that it will look at party funding, but the issue does not form one of its three core areas for scrutiny.

At the launch of Labour's submission Frank Dobson, Shadow Environment Secretary, pressed the committee to recommend tough new controls. He said that the accounts of all political parties should be published, that all donations over £5,000 should be made public and that no political party should receive funds from abroad.

"The Tory party gets the bulk of its money from secret sources," Mr Dobson said. "That must be wrong, particularly for a party which is in government. Who knows what the Tories get, or from whom they get it or what they get in return?"

Labour also demanded a "Governance of Britain Act" to counter sleaze in public life and restore confidence in government. The Act would include a new statutory code of conduct for public servants and ministers, restrictions on former ministers taking up directorships with privatised utilities, and a register of all quango members, their financial and political interests.

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said the Tory party had created the necessity for the Nolan inquiry by corrupting "many of the essential conventions which once made British public administration the envy of the world".

The Government is to make its own written submission to the committee, which will also hear oral evidence from Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, and David Hunt, the Cabinet minister responsible for the Civil Service.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to Welsh Office ministers, the Attorney General and the Overseas Development Minister were followed by a second reading debate on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill.

In the Lords the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill spent its second day in committee.

TODAY: In the Commons, questions to health ministers and the Prime Minister will be followed by the introduction of a ten-minute rule Bill on Building Societies (Joint Account Holders). There will also be a second reading debate on the Finance Bill.

In the Lords, the committee stage of the Environment Bill will begin and there will be a short debate on the future role of the statutory tourist boards.

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Economists dispute official figures for cost of rebuilding Grozny after bungled incursion

Chechen war puts West's Moscow loan in jeopardy

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S bungled five-week incursion into Chechenia may have cost the Russian Government a multibillion-pound International Monetary Fund loan, without which the country's economy could collapse this year.

An IMF delegation is expected in Moscow today to resume talks on a standby £4-billion loan to help the Russian economy this year. IMF officials did not want to comment publicly on the negotiations, due to resume tomorrow, but economists admit privately that they fear the war has dashed hopes of a tight budget and jeopardised the fund's assistance.

Russian authorities insist that the Chechen operation and the cost of reconstructing the breakaway republic's capital will not exceed £1 billion. Russian politicians and economists have estimated, however, that the real figure could be three times as much and will keep rising until Russia wins decisively or reaches a negotiated deal.

The chances of Russia receiving a sympathetic hearing from Western donors have also been diminished by the Republican swing in both houses of the US Congress. The American leadership, and other Western governments, are sensitive to accusations that they have indirectly "subsidised" the war in Chechenia by making huge loans to President Yeltsin.

Günther Rexrodt, the German Economics Minister, said yesterday that he would spell out the West's concerns when he meets Russian officials in St Petersburg next week. "I will make it clear to the Russians that, in the economic realm, we cannot simply sweep their behaviour in Chechenia under the rug," he said.

Experts have issued a warning that, without IMF help, the Russian economy could collapse this year as inflation spirals, the rouble devalues and foreign investment dries up. "Because Russia has long expected strong financial support from the West in 1995, the economy might, in combination with political uncertainty, collapse in its absence," said Jochen Wermuth, the head of the Russian European Export Group, an advisory body that works with the Russian Finance Ministry.

Yesterday Mikhail Zadornov, the head of the budget committee in the Duma, the Lower House of parliament, said the budget would not pass its second reading this week unless the Government came up with some convincing new figures.

Vladimir Panskov, Russia's Finance Minister, said on Sunday that the cost of deploying 40,000 troops and of rebuilding large parts of Grozny, the Chechen capital, would be £1 billion.

"The figures that the Government have produced are completely unrealistic," said Dr Konstantin Remchukov, an economist at Moscow's Patrice Lumumba University. He said that the authorities had underestimated the cost in almost every category from road-building to humanitarian aid. In some cases, such as the costs of clearing up oil spills caused by the fighting, no estimates had even been given.

Geneva: A group of Russian soldiers' mothers, opposed to the Chechenia war, were awarded an international peace prize yesterday by the Geneva-based International Peace Bureau. *(Reuter)*



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Women in Chechenia blocking the route to Russian soldiers who have been sent to a village outside Grozny, the capital, and urging them not to continue their campaign

Russians pound guerrilla retreats in mountains

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN GROZNY

RUSSIAN aircraft have intensified their bombardment of villages in the Caucasus mountains in the past two days, possibly to discourage a future Chechen guerrilla campaign in the area.

Byechik, a hamlet in the mountainous Shatoi district, was struck repeatedly on Sunday. Ten civilians were killed and 15 wounded.

The Russian artillery bombardment of Grozny, the Chechen capital, also continued yesterday, but no concerted Russian move to take or surround the city is in evidence. There is also no sign of a sustained offensive against roads south of Grozny in spite of some Western radio reports. Russian air attacks are widespread, but only occasional and seem random.

A steady stream of Chechen military and civilian casualties is arriving daily at hospitals south of Grozny, with civilians outnumbering Chechen military wounded by about two to one. The dispersal of the Chechen central authorities makes it impossible to fix an overall casualty figure, but evidence from local hospitals indicates that the Chechens are suffering badly.

In the eastern half of Grozny, only one hospital is still functioning, and that only partially. It is cold and dark because there is no power. Abdullah Jebrailov, the doctor on duty, said the hospital now provided only first aid or carried out the most urgent operations. The wounded are then immediately sent to hospitals in other towns to get away from the bombardment.

The keeping of accurate records at the hospital has long since ceased, but Dr Jebrailov estimates that it receives between 12 and 20 wounded a day on average. Of that number, three are brought in dead or die soon after admission. He believes, however, that the hospital sees only a quarter of the wounded in Grozny; most of the injured are treated on the spot and then taken out of town.



At the main district hospital of Urus Martan, staff said they had received 232 wounded since the Russian ground assault on Grozny began on December 31. They estimated this to be about 10 per cent of the overall number of wounded in Chechenia. Of the 232, 150 were civillians, the rest Chechen fighters.

At a very rough estimate, therefore, the Chechen forces have probably lost 800 or more men wounded and hospitalised since the battle for Grozny began. Perhaps half that number have been killed. This is not a catastrophic figure, but it is very large for a force which numbers only a few thousand.

If there is a new strategy behind the seemingly pointless and obsessive Russian hammering at the presidential palace and centre of Grozny, it may be precisely to draw the Chechens into a battle of attrition in which their forces are gradually worn down by Russian firepower, leaving Moscow's troops free finally to launch a big ground assault on the Chechen flanks.

From this point of view, it makes sense to draw as many Chechen fighters as possible into the relatively small and well-defined area of Grozny's centre. There they can be continually attacked by Russian artillery, releasing the demoralised Russian infantry from the need to suffer heavy casualties in attacking them.

The numbers of Chechen fighters available for a future guerrilla war will thus also be reduced. The Russian generals may hope that a defeated Chechen nation will more easily accept a Russian-backed puppet goverment.

This military plan would resemble in some ways the German strategy for the Verdun offensive in 1916. It could take weeks, however, and its success would depend on the Russian political establishment being willing to continue the battle for that long.

An alternative view, widely held among correspondents who have witnessed Russian military incompetence over the past six weeks, is that the Russian military may have no clear strategy at all and is simply hoping that, with the loss of the Presidential Palace, the Chechens' will to fight will collapse, leaving Moscow free to offer its own terms for a political settlement.

☐ **Moscow:** Amid fears of an epidemic, Russian rescue teams were headed for Grozny yesterday to help to recover the bodies of dead soldiers from the streets of the shattered Chechen capital. Heavy fighting has meant that many bodies have been left where they fell. Russian health officials insist, however, that the situation is normal. *(Reuter)*

Women of capital soldier on among dead and drunk

BY ANATOL LIEVEN

A SURPRISING number of civilians continue to live in the centre of Grozny, only a mile from the fighting; in a strange existence they raise chickens and occasionally emerge briefly from their cellars to look for food and water.

A week ago, the cellar at 87 Pionerskaya Street held about 100 people. On Sunday, two-thirds of them said they had taken advantage of occasional lulls in the battle to get out. The rest are settling down to a routine dictated by shellfire. One woman said grimly: "We have learnt the hard way the rules of how to stay alive."

Like most of the remaining civilians in Grozny, many of the people in this cellar are ethnic Russians, but a few are Chechens. Their area, 20 minutes' walk from the heart of the fighting, is under repeated bombardment.

One of their blocks of flats, a few yards away, has been hit dozens of times. Every floor has been blasted, and most of the façade has simply crumbled away. In their cellar, however, the Russian and Chechen women, encouraged in particular by Nina Alekseyevna, an accountant, have established the rudiments of order and a decent existence.

Where there was previously chaos and endless bickering, the beds are now set out in neat rows, with relatively clean sheets and blankets. A rota has even been arranged for bringing in water and bread, an increasingly dangerous task: near Grozny's former main bus station, two men were blown to pieces as they carried buckets to a well on Sunday.

The contrast between the female order down below and their menfolk in the courtyard above was rather striking. The women had found work to do, and some were obviously keeping calm for the sake of their children. The men, both ethnic Russians and Chechens, with nothing to do but sit still under shellfire, were drunk to a man. One of them, breathing vodka, led the way to the top floor of a burnt out block of flats for a view of the city centre.

Not far away, another journalist saw a man lying face down in the street. He was not dead, however, just dead drunk. So are most of the non-combatant men on the streets of the capital.

In contrast, the stamina of some of the women is extraordinary. In the Minutka district, Maria, a Russian grandmother, was walking her woolly dog as if it were Sunday morning in a peaceful Moscow suburb. "It's just him and me now," she said.

In the same area, Lydia Leonidovna, another grandmother, a former oil engineer, said she was a frontline veteran of the Second World War and is still living in Grozny with her daughter and granddaughter. "Of course, my granddaughter is frightened. But I tell her not to worry. I know about these things, and so far we haven't been shelled very badly in this part of town," she said.

Estonians encouraged by fighters' example

FROM MICHAEL TARM IN TALLINN

ESTONIA wants to tear a page out of the Chechen book on how to hold off the Russian Army.

The former Soviet republic has been studying Chechenia's resistance and has been particularly impressed by the guerrillas' hit-and-run tactics and the focus on disrupting Russian supply lines.

"It is encouraging to us that such a small nation is fighting so well against such a big nation," said Margus Kolge, head of the Defence Ministry's security policy department. "It is quite promising because it means maybe Estonia could do the same."

Enn Tupp, Estonia's Defence Minister, said: "We've analysed this war very closely. If the time comes, we'll fight like Chechenia."

With its population of 1.6 million, Estonia is roughly the same size as Chechenia. Since gaining its independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991, the Baltic nation has said it considers Russia the main potential threat to its security and has made setting up a credible defence a high priority.

Officials here say they know they could never defeat their huge eastern neighbour, but they want to be able to stave off an attack long enough to mobilise support abroad. Some have described this as the "CNN defence": resist just well enough for the international media and governments to take notice.

Mr Tupp faulted the independence-minded Chechens for not courting the Western media sufficiently. "We'd make sure the media paid attention even quicker," he said.

In addition to strong initial resistance, Estonia's defence concept also includes carrying out guerrilla warfare in the country's vast forests. General Aleksandr Einseln, a former US army officer who commands Estonia's 3,500-man army, said he envied Chechenia's fighters their mountains, which are ideally suited for a guerrilla war. *(AP)*

Zhirinovsky vows to run for president

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

VLADIMIR ZHIRINOVSKY, leader of Russia's ultra-nationalist Liberal Democratic Party, yesterday told voters in the far north of the country that he will run for president in 1996.

Although Mr Zhirinovsky has made his intentions known before, the latest announcement, reported by the Tass news agency, came as Moscow's military action in the rebel republic of Chechenia appears to have seriously weakened President Yeltsin's popularity.

Mr Zhirinovsky has backed Yeltsin's military strategy but said his party is ready for early presidential and parliamentary elections. The next presidential elections are scheduled for June 1996.

If early elections are not held the Liberal Democrats can wait, Mr Zhirinovsky said. His party won the most votes in 1993 parliamentary elections. He was in the autonomous Komi Republic yesterday to drum up support for the party's candidates before local legislative elections.

Ivan Rybkin, the current Speaker of the Duma, Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and Aleksandr Nemtsov, a young, market-oriented regional leader, have also been mooted as likely rivals of President Yeltsin in the 1996 elections.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader, has also indicated he might run, although he remains deeply unpopular at home.

Under the Russian constitution, President Yeltsin, who is 64 next month and who was elected for a five-year term on June 12, 1991, is free to stand for re-election.



Zhirinovsky: on visit to Komi Republic in north

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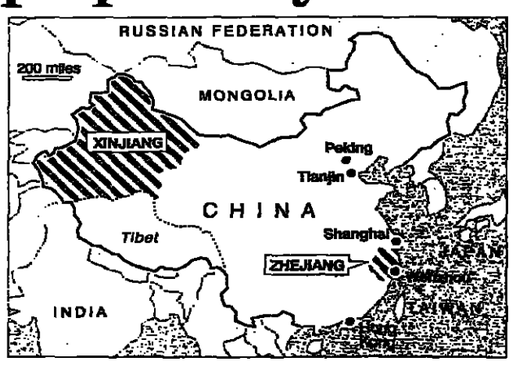
FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

Peking residents call it Zhejiang village, a vast, sprawling community on the southern edge of the capital. It is home to 400,000 people from China's eastern coastal Zhejiang province who, like Dick Whittington, have arrived to escape poverty in their native villages and seek fortunes in the construction boom.

The Zhejiang people, in what is officially the Peking suburb of Dahongmen, are self-contained, with their own clinics, restaurants, beauty parlours, nurseries, markets selling Zhejiang specialities, and hundreds of workshops — some would say sweatshops — producing cheap garments in a warren of unpaved alleys of frozen mud. Like most of the tide of rural people sweeping into China's cities, they are also largely out of the control of the Communist Party or of the state's normally rigorous supervisory system.

There is quite an ethnic atmosphere; transportation around the village is in bicycle trishaws, also imported from Zhejiang. Still, this enclave is never likely to become a tourist attraction.

Some Peking residents claim the migrants are a burden on the school and medical systems and contribute to a burgeoning crime wave. Recent figures indicate that migrants are responsible for 44.5 per cent of criminal offences in Peking. However, the Public Security Bureau tends to keep out of the area except for a monthly sweep. "I'll take you there," a taxi-



driver told me. "But some taxi-drivers don't like to go into Zhejiang village. They're afraid of getting mugged."

Zhejiang does not, however, feel like a *favela* in Rio or a shanty town on the edge of an African city. There are no loitering street urchins and any prostitution is kept out of sight. Despite the bitter cold, the streets are busy with traders and wheeler-dealers.

Zhejiang people put a brave face on the attitude of Peking's natives. "Our relations with them are pretty good," said Zhao Zhan Yi, from near Wenzhou, Zhejiang's capital. He moved here four years ago and runs a small shop while his two sons stitch leather jackets in a nearby workshop. "We can earn much more here than back home," he said. "We've come to make money and better our lives."

There are 25 such satellite towns. Zhejiang is the biggest, and the next largest is Xinjiang village whose residents are Uighurs, a Turkic-speaking Muslim people from western China. Xinjiang people are to be seen changing money and offering spicy mutton kebabs on the streets.

At Anhui village dozens of young women seek work as maids for Peking's new middle class. Peking is the most socially developed area in the country, according to a recent survey in which the capital outscored all other regions in social development, followed by Shanghai and Tianjin, other big cities where similar communities of migrant labourers are springing up.

Recent figures show that there are 3.4 million migrant workers in the capital, grafted onto the 10.5 million other residents.

The Government crushes Chinese who call for democracy, but the flow of unemployed peasants from the countryside to the city appears to be outside the control of the central authorities. Fifteen years ago, 80 per cent of the population lived in the countryside, now 65 per cent do. Up to 100 million people have poured into the cities during the past few years while the economic reforms instituted in 1979 by Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader, have been implemented.

What most concerns the Government, diplomats say, is that these people are no longer controlled by the state work units which ordered their daily lives on behalf of the party. In the past, the work unit gave people their salaries, housing and medical treatment but clamped down on anyone who stepped out of line. "Now the party and state are less able to do that", one envoy said.

For example, not all births are registered in Zhejiang village so people can slip round the state's single-child family planning policy. Huang Jun, 42, who runs a shop on the third floor of the community's Jing-Wen market, described Zhejiang as "a place where we led a peaceful life but could not prosper". Shanghai, closer at hand to Zhejiang, already had "too many people", he said. "If you have a little bit of money to invest, Peking is best."

Most of the Zhejiang village population will disappear for a week or two at the end of January, when China marks the Lunar New Year. They will take presents to loved ones in Zhejiang and perhaps show off a little as the city slickers they are becoming.

Although the Government has asked migrant workers not to go home over that period, because of fears that China's rail system will grind to a halt, most people say they are going anyway. "I'll buy a black market ticket but I will go back to my village in Zhejiang," said Li Xiang, 49. "I want to tell others about the opportunities here."

Terms of US aid package cause alarm in Mexico

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

AS AMERICAN officials stepped up their defence of a proposed multibillion dollar support for the Mexican peso the offer of US assistance is being met with a mixture of anxiety and gratitude.

While Mexicans are relieved at signs of economic recovery they remain deeply disillusioned with the performance of their own Government, and unsure how to react to Washington's offer to guarantee its debts.

"Our true president is Clinton, because he got us out of



this hole," said Lorenzo Meyer, a leading Mexican political commentator and critic of the Government.

The three-week decline of the Mexican peso and the local stock market was only halted last week after a phone call from the White House to President Zedillo, in which President Clinton said: "We have a strong interest in the prosperity and stability in Mexico." Talk of up to $40 billion (£26 billion) in US loan guarantees was enough to prompt a three-day rally on the Mexican markets last week.

But the rescue plan could turn sour as details emerge of the strings America has attached to the package, especially if it involves sale of state-owned enterprises such as the oil monopoly, Pemex. Mexican officials say they will only offer future oil export revenue as collateral, and deny talk of a sell-off.

"Mexico is ceasing to be a free and sovereign nation to become a protectorate of the American Union," said Adolfo Aguilar Zinser, a leading opposition politician. "They promised to sell the family jewels, the rest of the china, the candlesticks ... to pay what is owed," he said, adding, "in exchange for what?

"We Mexicans don't want to to know, or even ask: we're just glad Clinton made the call and Zedillo's phone was working at the time."

The Clinton Administration must seek the approval of Congress for the loans. US officials spent the weekend reassuring taxpayers that they would not bear the cost of the rescue plan and that a healthy Mexican economy was in Americans' interests.

☐ **Leader dies:** Comandante Ramona, 32, a Mayan woman who became one of the two best-known guerrilla leaders in southern Chiapas, has died of cervical cancer in Mexico City. *(Reuter)*



Sir Wiwa Korowi, the Governor-General of Papua New Guinea, helps the Pope to his chair yesterday after his arrival at Jacksons International Airport. The pontiff pleaded for peace on the Catholic island of Bougainville, where rebels have been fighting a secessionist campaign for six years. There was a security alert just before the Pope arrived, but it was later played down by police. Two hours before he landed, police discovered that two Iranian men had checked out of their hotel and could not be found. Police initially feared that the two might be connected to an alleged assassination plot uncovered in Manila last week at the start of the Pope's four-nation tour. At one point, officials considered insisting that the pontiff should travel in a covered car instead of his usual open "Popemobile". However, his travel arrangements were unchanged as he made his way along the nine miles of pot-holed roads into Port Moresby, the capital, to celebrate Mass. Chief Superintendent Denis Samin said the names of the two Iranians had appeared during a routine computer scan. "Immigration alerted us because of the problems in Manila," he said. At least two people were arrested in Manila over the alleged Muslim plot and police are seeking 20 other suspects. *(Reuter)*

Editor denies contempt in Singapore hearing

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN SINGAPORE

CONTEMPT hearings in the Singapore High Court against the *International Herald Tribune* are expected to be wound up today after a five-hour cross-examination yesterday of Michael Richardson, its Asia Editor, who denied that an article in his newspaper had "scandalised" the Singapore judiciary.

The case centres on whether the article implied that a "compliant" judiciary had been used by the Government to drive opposition politicians into bankruptcy. Chan Sek Keong, the Attorney-General, noted in earlier hearings that 11 politicians had been sued for defamation by government politicians since the 1970s, and some had ended up bankrupt.

Singapore has a long record of taking stern action against journalists and publications that upset it. Mr Richardson has been based in Singapore for 24 years, the last eight of them for the *Tribune*. "I would have been mad to have deliberately courted any kind of risk of putting myself and my newspaper into this kind of situation," he said.

In the face of a threatened lawsuit over two sentences in an article last year, the *Tribune* published an elaborate apology to Lee Kuan Yew, the former Prime Minister, for leaving the impression that his son, Lee Hsien Loong, got his job as Deputy Prime Minister solely because of his father.

The *Tribune* also published an extensive apology in the current case, which involves an article written late last year by Christopher Lingle, an American academic employed at the time by the National University of Singapore.

Murder hunt after Sydney fire

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

POLICE in Australia were last night investigating what they described as one of the country's worst cases of mass murder.

Eight people were killed at the weekend in a domestic fire in the Sydney suburb of Liverpool. The victims — four women, three children and a 17 year-old youth who all belonged to the same family — were staying in a third-floor flat when a fireball engulfed the stairwell and their home. Two bodies were found on the balcony and a third victim died while trying to escape down the stairs.

The fire, among the most horrific murders Australia has known, was almost certainly started deliberately, with an accelerant or fuel poured on to stairs to the flat. Julio Alonzo, who lives next door, said he was woken by screams at about 3.30 am. "Then they had no more chance to scream and I heard cracking glass as the fire took hold," he said.

Detectives have not yet established a motive. The devastation attracted hundreds of ghoulish onlookers.

Israeli 'Body Shop' claims trademark

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BODY Shop International, the environmentally conscious British cosmetics company founded by Anita Roddick, has become embroiled in acrimonious trademark litigation in Israel involving claims by a local rival that for many years it failed to open shops in Israel because of the Arab boycott.

At a heated session of the Israeli Patent and Trademarks Court over the use of the name Body Shop, the allegations were strongly denied by Stuart Rose, the managing director of Body Shop International. He claimed that Ms Roddick was a great admirer of Israel who had been so impressed with her time spent on a kibbutz that she had once considered converting to Judaism.



Roddick: considered conversion to Judaism

The court hearing, now adjourned until next month, was one of two under way between the British-based company and its Israeli rival, Dr Fischer Pharmaceuticals Ltd, which owns a firm called Body Shop Cosmetics. It secured a preliminary injunction last month forcing Body Shop International to close its first store, in Tel Aviv.

The British company is fighting the injunction. It is also demanding compensation for alleged misuse of the Body Shop trademark.

Much of the argument has centred on the alleged reluctance of the British company to trade in Israel in the past. Trademark registration in Israel applies only if there is use or intent to use.

Mr Rose denied that Body Shop International had failed to expand into Israel because "trade with the Jews" would have been bad for business elsewhere in the Middle East.

☐ **Kidnap fear:** Israeli security forces were last night checking unconfirmed rumours that another young Israeli soldier had been kidnapped by Islamic militants.

Clinton awakes to unwelcome Newt testament

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

PRESIDENT CLINTON will awake this morning to a special delivery which will serve to confirm that President though he may be, he is far from being America's man of the moment.

The package that is arriving at the White House contains just one of a trio of new publications about Newt Gingrich, the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, whose every comment now appears worthy of chronicling. Hot on the heels of the Speaker's own *Contract With America*, which is fast rising in the bestseller lists throughout the country, comes *NewtWit! The Wit & Wisdom of Newt Gingrich* and *NEWTisms*, the pocket guide. The third volume is *Quotations from Speaker Newt: The Little Red, White and Blue Book of the Republican Revolution*.

NewtWit! is compiled by Tom Connor and is culled from hundreds of newspapers, magazines and television appearances. It presents 243 of the pithiest of Mr Gingrich's statements, including such immortal lines as: "George Bush is the best all-round politician I have ever seen."

Connor, who has made a name for himself in America by producing various collections of parody, is the first to admit that his book's title provides several possibilities for misinterpretation. Pocket Books, meanwhile, using similar sources for its material, has produced a volume in which each page offers a quote on a particular topic. E, for example, is for Evil: "People like me are what stand between us and Auschwitz. I see evil around me every day."

But it is the third and most serious of the three books that will be included in the White House mailbag today. It will simultaneously be delivered to both houses of Congress.

Its authors, Peter and Amy Bernstein, have written an overview of the Gingrich career and hope it will appeal in equal measure to both his friends and enemies in Washington. "One of the greatest intellectual failures of the welfare state," according to one of the *Quotations from Speaker Newt*, "is the penchant for sacrifice, so long as the only people being asked to sacrifice are working, tax-paying Americans."

The First Family may be able to lose this volume among the hundreds of other papers which squirrel themselves into the White House every day. But the President is likely to find it more difficult to avoid further reminders of his nemesis by tuning in to the Washington airwaves. "Speaker of the House", a catchy ditty set to the tune of "Leader of the Pack", is being played monotonously often.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Abortion opponent discusses 'hit-list'

New York: A pro-life activist from Mississippi has said that killing Supreme Court judges in America would be justifiable and that even President Clinton is under threat for supporting abortion (Tom Rhodes writes).

Roy McMillan, head of the Christian Action Group in Jackson, was asked in a TV interview whether it would be justifiable to kill the President. "I think he's probably in harm's way by endorsing the killing [abortion]," he said. "It would probably be to me more justifiable to assassinate Supreme Court judges."

NBC erased this segment from the programme, which was shown on December 28.

Volcano alert

Bogotá: Melting snow from the Nevado del Ruiz volcano, which was the site of Colombia's worst natural disaster, caused a river to swell, prompting the evacuation of thousands of people. *(AP)*

Gang jailed

Dubai: Twenty-three drunken youths who kidnapped and tried to gang-rape a woman in the United Arab Emirates have been jailed for between six and ten years, it was reported. *(Reuter)*

Milo man dies

Sydney: Thomas Mayne, 94, an Australian chemist who 60 years ago created the recipe for Milo, the chocolate-malt drink powder popular throughout Southeast Asia, has died. *(Reuter)*

Gone fishing

Suva: A Fijian fisherman on the island of Vanua Levu choked to death when he tried to kill his catch in the traditional way by biting its head off, police here said. *(Reuter)*

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Santer calls crisis talks to avert MEPs' veto on new commission

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

JACQUES SANTER, the President-designate of the European Commission, yesterday called his future colleagues to an emergency meeting in Strasbourg to decide whether to offer any concessions to the European Parliament, which last week threatened to veto the appointment of the new European Commission at a vote tomorrow.

It was expected that Mr Santer would give some ground over a series of rules covering the relationship between the Commission and the Parliament, but that he would resist pressure from MEPs to change some of the Commission portfolios. Mr Santer will announce the outcome of the discussions in a speech to the parliament today.

The MEPs requested a modest reshuffle of portfolios after they found fault with five out of the 20 commissioners at a series of confirmation hearings earlier this month. The lack of political skill. Mr Santer faces the dilemma of either conceding too much, which would be seen as undermining his authority, or conceding too little, in which case he could risk a parliamentary veto, which would throw the EU into a constitutional crisis. The strategists in the European Parliament expect at least some recognition of their criticisms.

Parliamentary leaders said privately that they expect a "yes" vote tomorrow, an acknowledgement that took some of the heat out of their threats. Parliamentary solidarity was undermined further when the 62 British Labour MEPs announced publicly last week that they will not vote against Mr Santer's commission under any circumstances.

After the row over *The Guardian* advertisement in support of Clause Four in the Labour Party's constitution, this amounted to their second gaffe of the week, as it weakened the negotiating position of Pauline Green, the leader of the 221-strong Socialist group in the parliament.

Mr Santer spent much of his weekend on the telephone with the party leaders in detailed negotiations to find a face-saving formula capable of satisfying both sides. The issue where compromise was considered most likely is the so-called Code of Conduct, an agreement between the commission and parliament, which includes three key demands.

Firstly, parliament wants to have equal access with the Council of Ministers to commission documents; it wants access also to confidential information; and, most controversially, it wants a commitment by Mr Santer not to proceed with legislation if it is rejected by parliament with an absolute majority. That would give parliament an effective right of veto on all legislation, which it does not have under the Maastricht treaty.

Mr Santer fears that any material concessions over the commission portfolios would destroy the delicate balance he attempted to strike when he allocated them last year. The parliament wants him to strip Mr Flynn of the equal rights portfolio.



Santer: unlikely to make big concessions

five candidates, who include the nominees from the three Scandinavian countries, as well as Padraig Flynn, the Irish Social Affairs Commissioner, and Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the French Economics Commissioner-designate, have been criticised for their refusal to give satisfactory answers, and in some cases, for being insufficiently prepared for their new jobs.

The MEPs felt "truly provoked" by Ritt Bjerregaard, the Danish Environment Commissioner-designate, who told a news conference that the European Parliament was "not a real parliament", a comment that gave testimony to her honesty as well as her

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Lamberto Dini, Italy's Prime Minister-designate and his second wife, Donatella, who is a business tycoon and millionairess in her own right

Italian leader in waiting, famed for icy negotiating skills, must forge a truce

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

Financial markets soared yesterday as Lamberto Dini, appointed Prime Minister-designate by President Scalfaro last Friday, tried to put together Italy's 54th postwar Government.

Signor Dini, 63, the son of a Florentine greengrocer, is a leading Italian expert on international finance and was Treasury Minister in the outgoing Government headed by Silvio Berlusconi. He has indicated that he may present his proposed Cabinet line-up to Signor Scalfaro as early as today, but he appeared last night to be struggling to meet the terms of his brief.

The President instructed him on Sunday to form a "government of truce" to introduce vital economic and institutional reforms and warned him that his ministers should be technical experts independent of the main political parties. His team, he was told, should also not be dominated by sympathisers with Signor Berlusconi's Forza Italia and its allies in the neo-Fascist-led National Alliance. Signor Scalfaro is concerned that another hard-right administration would fail a parliamentary vote of confidence.

Despite Signor Dini's difficulties, the Lira rose yesterday to 1042.80 against the mark and the Milan stock market jumped 4.5 per cent amid optimism that he will be able to form a stable government.

As it happens, many ordinary Italians find Signor Dini less attractive than his wife Donatella, 50, who is a millionairess and a captain of industry with considerable business interests in Costa Rica. The couple were married in 1985 after both lost their first spouses.

Signora Dini's first husband, Renzo Zingone, was 30 years older than her. He died in 1981, and she took over his family business, turning it into a multinational company. The marriage produced two children, Cesare and Maria.

Signor Dini has a daughter, Paola, from his first marriage. He worked his way through Florence University while helping his father run his greengrocery in the Via della Porcellana in medieval Florence. He graduated in economics in 1955 and won scholarships for post-graduate study in America in 1959. He joined the International Monetary Fund as an economist and remained with it for 20 years, becoming a central director for African affairs in 1975 and making several journeys to Third World countries in financial difficulties. He earned a reputation as a courteous but icily cold negotiator.

Some of his colleagues recall a row he had with Jean-Bedel Bokassa, the late despotic dictator of the Central African Republic, who threatened to arrest him and his team of IMF inspectors unless they promised him millions of dollars in aid. "I have not come to give money but advice," Signor Dini replied, adding: "The money will come later. Perhaps."



Berlusconi: watered down pension reforms

By 1976 he had come to the attention of the Italian Government, which nominated him to a seat on the IMF executive committee to represent the European Mediterranean countries. He returned to Italy in 1979 as director-general of the Bank of Italy, the central bank. He was in effect number two to Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the governor, who went on to become Prime Minister before Signor Berlusconi.

Signor Ciampi was a life-long career man at the bank and evidently regarded Signor Dini with suspicion as the effective plenipotentiary of the political establishment run by Giulio Andreotti, the Christian Democrat elder statesman now under investigation for links to the Mafia, and the Socialist leader Bettino Craxi who, facing prison sentences for corruption, is in hiding in Tunisia. When Signor Ciampi became Prime Minister he snubbed Signor Dini by passing him over for governorship of the bank.

Signor Dini's fortunes improved when Signor Berlusconi won last March's election and appointed him Treasury Minister to bring experience to his Cabinet. Last month Signor Dini watched as the media tycoon watered down his ambitious plan to reform the generous state pension system, which is a main cause of the country's huge government spending deficit. Signor Berlusconi backed down to avoid a confrontation with the trade unions and Signor Dini is expected to try to introduce a rigorous mini-budget as his first priority if he succeeds in forming a government with a workable majority.

Il Messaggero, the Rome newspaper, has predicted that he will also devote himself to settling old scores with enemies at the Bank of Italy and is unlikely willingly to give up the reins of power. "Those who know him foresee that he will not for anything in the world accept staying at the Palazzo Chigi even a day less than his former superior, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi," it said.

Signor Dini favours a worldlier lifestyle than Signor Ciampi, who leads an almost monastic existence. He likes to relax by the swimming pool on the roof of his luxury penthouse flat in Rome and to enjoy the smart parties that his wife throws in Rome and San José, the Costa Rican capital. Among guests in the past have been Signor Andreotti, an old friend of Signora Dini.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Avalanche kills five in Iceland village

Reykjavik: At least five people were killed and ten others were missing after an avalanche smashed into an isolated fishing village in north-western Iceland early yesterday.

The Icelandic National Civil Defence, which is in charge of the rescue operation, said 11 people, some of them injured, had been rescued from houses in the remote village of Sudavik after a wall of snow and ice hit it at 6.30am. Ten others, some of them children, were still missing and hopes for their survival under tonnes of snow were fading, rescuers said. *(Reuter)*

Royal protester sent to jail

Nicosia: A Greek Cypriot doctor who smashed the windscreen of the Queen's Rolls-Royce while she was at a Commonwealth summit in Cyprus last year was jailed for four months yesterday for malicious damage (Michael Theodoulou writes).

Haris Aristidou, 31, a campaigner against Britain's military presence in Cyprus, broke the windscreen with handcuffs after being arrested during protests. He refused to accept the charges. "It was not malicious damage. It was damage with good intent, and I would do it again if I had the opportunity," he told Limassol district court.

Turks censor Kurd reports

Ankara: Turkey's leading pro-Kurdish newspaper hit the streets yesterday dotted with blank spaces after being censored by authorities for its reporting of the Kurdish guerrilla war in the southeast of the country. Two stories on the front page of the daily *Ozgur Ulkee* were blanked out and some papers were seized under a court order. *(Reuter)*

Rose bush eater hungry for fame

Delhi: An Indian youth made his 85th attempt to secure a mention in the Guinness Book of World Records by eating two rose bushes in Coimbatore, the Press Trust of India said.

The youth, known only as Parthasarthy, also plans to eat 625 chillies in yet another record-setting attempt, the agency said. His unsuccessful tries for Guinness fame include swallowing 36 raw eggs in one go and pushing a mustard seed backwards with his nose for a quarter of a mile. *(AFP)*

Poles reflect on mixed blessing of Warsaw liberation

BY ROGER BOYES

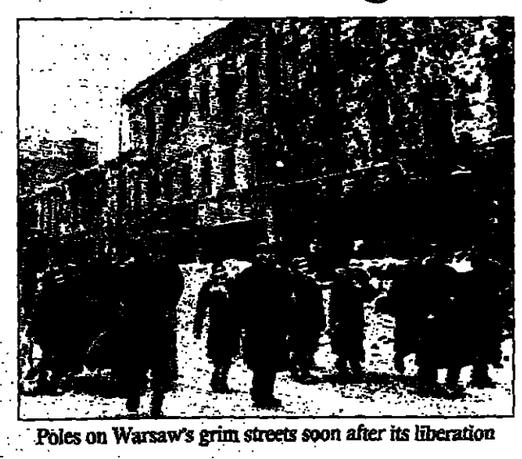
RED and white carnations are to be laid today at the large Soviet war memorial on the banks of the Vistula, but the 50th anniversary of the Red Army's liberation of Warsaw will not be a day of great celebration. Rather, January 17, 1945, marked the beginning of more than four decades of communist rule.

The entry into Warsaw of Marshal Zhukov's men and the installation of a "provisional government of the Polish Republic" was a supremely political event. Soviet troops had lingered for months on the other side of the river while the Germans crushed the Warsaw uprising led by the anti-communist Polish Home Army during the summer of 1944. By the time Marshal Zhukov's troops crossed the river, the Home Army had been disbanded and its leaders arrested by Soviet security forces.

The rapid advance of Soviet troops after the liberation of Warsaw paved the way, in the words of Oskar Halecki, the Polish historian, for the "communist solution of the Polish problem which made Poland, on whose conquest the control of all East Central Europe depended, the open gateway for communist expansion towards the West".

The people of Warsaw were none the less relieved to see the Soviet troops. Since the failure of the uprising, German commando units had been obeying Hitler's order to raze the city. Dynamite charges were put under buildings, flame-thrower units scorched blocks of flats and bulldozers crushed monuments. It was a bloody, pointless revenge by a losing army.

The battle for Warsaw began on January 14 with a 25-minute artillery bombardment by the Russians. Marshal Zhukov's frontline commander was General Vassili Chuikov, hero of Stalingrad. He ordered the field kitchen to be brought to the front line because nobody knew how much food there was in the Polish capital. After the short bombardment, assault battalions moved across the narrow bridgehead to the south of the city; within the day about half a million men and more than 1,000 tanks were on the move. By the second day, a Soviet tank army had run through the crumbling German defences to the south of Warsaw.



Poles on Warsaw's grim streets soon after its liberation

By January 16, the Russians had Warsaw in a noose; the Germans fled after a last bout of shooting, hanging and arson. The Russians entered an urban wasteland smelling of burning rubber and flesh. On January 18, the Russian conquerors were joined by Polish units formed in the Soviet Union for a victory parade down Jerusalem Avenue in the city centre.

Stalin made the most of the warm Polish reception for his troops in both Warsaw and Lodz — liberated by General Chuikov soon afterwards — and started bargaining in Yalta. "Now there is goodwill towards Russia," he told Winston Churchill. "It is only natural that the Polish people should be delighted to see the Germans flee their country and to feel themselves liberated. My impression is that the Poles consider this a great historic holiday."

Many Poles, however, came to regard the liberation as a new form of enslavement and were bitter about what they regarded as a Western betrayal at Yalta. Soviet intentions were plain enough, and they were anything but fraternal.

In an indiscreet remark at a British Embassy reception, Marshal Zhukov commented that Poles were a persistent nuisance who "should be swatted like flies". Professor Halecki wrote: "Far from being a liberation of Poland, a terrible threat to Europe had been created. The Western leaders did not realise that the Red Army were no longer needed to defeat Germany."

☐ **Bombing anniversary:** The Mayor and civic elders of Magdeburg yesterday held a service to mark the 50th anniversary of the bombing of the city by British and Canadian planes, in which about 16,000 people died.

In east Berlin, up to 80,000 people marched in honour of Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht, two communists murdered in 1919 for trying to overthrow the Government.

Sin and Forgiveness

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES **"Things that make people sin are bound to happen, but how terrible for the one who makes them happen! It would be better for him if a large millstone were tied around his neck and he were thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. So watch what you do! If your brother sins rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in one day, and each time he comes to you saying "I repent" you must forgive him "** Luke ch.17 v 1-4

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Star Trek's new crew set off into politically correct space



Nimoy: played Vulcan cross-breed Mr-Spock

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A NEW series of *Star Trek* blasted off in America last night with a woman at the helm and a black Vulcan aboard, and headed into the politically correct future of the 24th century.

The actress, Kate Mulgrew, boldly went where no woman had gone before as Captain Kathryn Janeway, the first female to command a Starship since the world's most popular television show first appeared in 1966. Her crew included a pointy-eared black Vulcan played by Tim Russ, and spent the first episode making peace with inter-Galactic outlaws led by a Native American rebel whose spiritual guide is a timber wolf.

Star Trek: Voyager is the fourth incarnation of the television show, which is seen in more than 100 countries, but the first version made since the death of its creator, Gene Roddenberry. Roddenberry always wanted to give women a more prominent place in the Starfleet, but the show's producers feared that that would not sit well with its target audience of young males.

Roddenberry's first pilot featured his wife as a cool second-in-command who would take control when the captain was away. But television executives told him to rewrite her role as the subservient Nurse Chapel.

Feminists criticised the earlier series for space-age sexism, complaining that the female character Uhura never led landing parties and that alien priestesses always fell for Captain Kirk after just one kiss. The new series comes closer to Roddenberry's ideal of a multi-cultural galaxy. After all, the much-loved Spock, played by Leonard Nimoy, was a human-Vulcan cross-breed.

Ms Mulgrew plays her part with her hair drawn back in a no-nonsense manner and the unmistakable authority of a commanding officer. And she has strong opinions about her role.

"We do not want a butch, screaming, tough broad," she said in a recent interview. "We want an excellent human being running this ship, one who's sexy, alive, and who is completely in control of what she's doing on that ship."

In the two-hour pilot episode, Captain Janeway is asked at one point if she should be addressed as "sir" or "ma'am". "Captain will do nicely", she replies. The plot was something of a morality play about the assimilation of alien cultures.

Blown 70,000 light years off course by a "coherent tetryon beam", Captain Janeway and her crew are forced to co-operate with the rebel Maquis to survive. As the two groups make their way back across the galaxy in future episodes, the producers promise, Captain Janeway will seek spiritual guidance from Chakatoy, the Native American leader of the Maquis.

"The messages in *Voyager* are sometimes underlined a bit too heavily," concluded John O'Connor, the television critic of *The New York Times*, "but the Roddenberry legacy of futuristic optimism is given yet another promising lift-off."

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Dr Thomas Stuttaford explains how some people came to be given blood contaminated with hepatitis C — and what is being done for them

Gaps in the ABC of blood screening

ABOUT five years ago a young man had his car stolen. Later, by chance, the owner spotted it parked by a building site in central London: he accosted the thief, who drew a knife and stabbed him through the abdomen. Bleeding profusely he was taken to casualty in the nick of time. Resuscitated by transfusions, and repaired by surgeons, he made a good recovery marred only by some slight post-operative jaundice and a recurrent low-grade fever. Recently he has been complaining of ill health and chronic tiredness; his liver function tests are abnormal and his blood tests show that he has been infected by hepatitis C.

In the period when blood could be screened for hepatitis A and B, but not for hepatitis C, the latter accounted for the majority of cases of post-transfusion hepatitis, and it may well be that it was also therefore responsible for many of the cases of inexplicable chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis, and cancer of the liver.

The initial symptoms of hepatitis C are mild, but the sting of the disease lies in its tail — 50 to 80 per cent of patients who catch it fail to make a full recovery and are likely to develop a chronic infection. In most cases this infection is benign, and is very often free of all discernible symptoms, but in at least 20 per cent of those affected the disease will lead to chronic hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver and, in some cases, malignant disease.



Treatment with interferon will eradicate hepatitis C in about 35 to 45 per cent of carefully selected cases; but interferon can have unpleasant side effects and is not suitable for every patient. Those in whom eradication fails may well become carriers, and even if they are asymptomatic they will remain capable of infecting others with a potentially deadly virus. In the Victorian era before the days of antibiotics doctors, patients and novelists were not unreasonably obsessed by the carrier state. To be a carrier of any disease, capable of causing sickness and death while remaining healthy, can induce in sensitive people a great sense of guilt. In chronic hepatitis C there is the added burden of never knowing if the condition is likely to deteriorate and lead to irreversible liver damage.

Now the Government has agreed to make efforts to trace all patients who might have been given blood contaminated by hepatitis C after it could first be detected, but before testing became standard. Controversy surrounds the period between 1989, when the first screening tests for hepatitis C were being developed in America, and 1991, when they became routinely established. The initial test could detect hepatitis C only several months after the blood had first become infectious, and the numbers of false positive and false negative results were very high. When all factors were taken into account the predictive value of the test was only 50 per cent, and the US Food and Drug Administration did not approve it until 1990. In Britain three different and better tests were approved and introduced in 1991; since then they have been further improved, and now give a 90 per cent predictive value.

Professor Arie Zuckerman, Dean of the Royal Free School of Medicine, said yesterday: "There were very sound reasons for the delay in introduction of routine screening. Only the improved tests introduced in 1991 had the sensitivity and specificity which is needed. These screening tests are now, of course, essential for all blood which is going to be used for transfusion."

Toddler who won against the odds

Jeremy Laurance on the meningitis that nearly killed Gary Pegler



Gary Pegler and his parents after returning from hospital. They were warned by doctors that their son might not survive the night

The disease all parents dread their children catching, and all doctors fear misdiagnosing, is at its worst from October until March. Meningitis can attack anyone, however fit, of any age, although children are most susceptible. Last year it claimed 180 lives.

So far this year at least four children have succumbed, including five-year-old Emma Harris, who was buried earlier this month, and her classmate, Alexandra Yates, also aged five. But not all victims die. One who survived was Gary Pegler.

Now a normal, boisterous toddler, Gary has been to the brink of death. His recovery was long, slow and fraught with difficulty. His story illustrates the devastating speed with which the disease strikes and the struggle victims have to regain their health.

Within hours of being diagnosed and rushed to hospital in Great Yarmouth last year, 19-month-old Gary's condition had deteriorated into meningococcal septicaemia, a form of blood poisoning which is generally fatal. He narrowly escaped having his nose and hand amputated. His life was saved only by the intervention of the Rapid Response team at St Mary's Hospital, London, which commandeered an RAF helicopter to transport him to the capital.

On March 22 last year Gary awoke slightly off colour. He was pale and listless all day, and in the evening his parents, Stephen and Toni Pegler, made up a bed in the living room to keep an eye on him. By 10pm big purple blotches were appearing on Gary's face. The GP was called and he immediately suspected bacterial meningitis. He gave Gary an injection of antibiotics and called an ambulance.

At the James Paget Hospital in Great Yarmouth staff confirmed the diagnosis but were alarmed by the rash, a sign that the tiny blood vessels under the skin were beginning to break down. It is a symptom of septicaemia, a complication of meningococcal meningitis. They placed Gary on a ventilator, and at 3am they warned his parents that he might not survive the night.

By dawn Gary's condition had deteriorated but he was still hanging on. The staff decided to refer him to St Mary's Hospital in London, whose specialist team had the best chance of saving him. However, his condition was so unstable they considered he would not survive the 100-mile trip by road.

That afternoon Dr Parviz Habibi, a consultant in intensive care and leader of the Rapid Response team at St Mary's, contacted the RAF who agreed to fly him and an assistant to Great Yarmouth to bring Gary back.

"The first 48 hours are crucial to survival, but often we get to the patient late because the disease is rarely diagnosed quickly," says Dr Habibi. "It is a case of swoop and scoop, but you must have expert staff and the right equipment. There is plenty of evidence to show that inexpert transport leads to increased problems."

Wrapped in a heat-saving silver blanket and connected to a ventilator, Gary had only his purple face visible as he was wheeled to the helicopter. It landed in Regent's Park at 9.30pm where a waiting ambulance rushed the team to St Mary's.

There was no room in the helicopter for Mr and Mrs Pegler, who followed by road. They stopped in a service station near the M11 to call Dr Habibi on his mobile phone to check whether their son had survived the journey. "That was one of the worst moments," Toni says.

By the time they arrived, Gary was in intensive care. For the second night running Stephen and Toni were warned that his chances of lasting the night were no better than 50 per cent.

Massive doses of antibiotics had already disposed of the meningococcal bacteria that cause the disease but the damage had already been done. "He was in septic shock," says Dr Habibi. "His heart had failed, his lungs were flooding and his kidneys had failed. He required round-the-clock nursing."

His condition was still critical ten days later, but he had beaten the odds. "It was a case of one step forward and two back," says Toni. "All they could do was try to keep him stable while he cured himself."

Complications arose in the second week with the blood-clotting process. "It is known as DIC — Death is Coming," says Dr Habibi. "It actually stands for Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation and it means his capillaries were clotting off and he was bleeding everywhere."

At one point his right hand became so purple and swollen that the pulse disappeared. The same happened to his nose, and gangrene was feared. A surgeon was called to advise on amputation but he decided against it.

By April 17, more than three weeks after he was admitted, Gary was sitting up in bed eating and drinking. But he was still too weak to get out of bed and was still on kidney dialysis. On April 23, a month and a day after the disease struck, Gary had his first day out, at London Zoo. "It was wonderful for him to get away from people in uniforms," says Toni. "The team at St Mary's were absolutely brilliant. I don't know why he survived. Maybe he was just stubborn."

Two days later they took Gary home.

● *The Rapid Response Team at St Mary's has dealt with more than 400 cases since its launch in June 1992. It depends on charitable support. Stephen and Toni Pegler have launched the Gary Pegler Appeal to raise funds for a £6,000 kidney machine for St Mary's. Donations may be sent to the appeal, c/o Midland Bank, Hall Quay, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.*

Price of a perfect smile

£20,000 will buy you a new set of implanted teeth

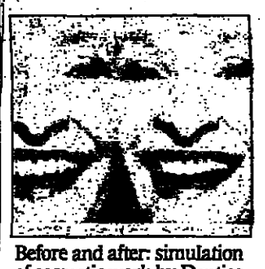
AMID THE furore caused by Martin Amis's £500,000 publishing deal it passed almost without comment that he has already spent £20,000 of it on cosmetic dental work.

The news that Elizabeth Taylor's husband, Larry Fortensky, is to spend £30,000 on his teeth comes as less of a surprise. But Amis is an English intellectual. Should he not be above such superficial things?

This is the new, acceptable face of cosmetic surgery. Amis would never have an eye-lift or a tummy-tuck; it would not chime with the *enfant terrible* image demanded by his literary demi-monde. But he, like many dentally challenged Britons, has realised that a tooth-job can make all the difference to an ageing face.

"Suddenly everyone is talking about cosmetic dentistry," says Peter Gordon, Wimpole Street dentist and adviser to the British Dental Association. "It isn't a term I like because it implies some speciality outside the scope of conventional dentistry. There is no special diploma — it is just one side of the work carried out by dentists."

Amis, who was treated in America, is rumoured to have had his molars replaced, and treatment as expensive as his,



Before and after: simulation of cosmetic work by Dentics

according to Mr Gordon, probably involved implants.

"That is a process where a titanium root is screwed into the jaw bone and left to settle for six months. Then a new tooth, usually gold, is attached to the root, and built up with porcelain like a normal crown. It costs about £1,000 per tooth so a full set of molars might well cost around £20,000."

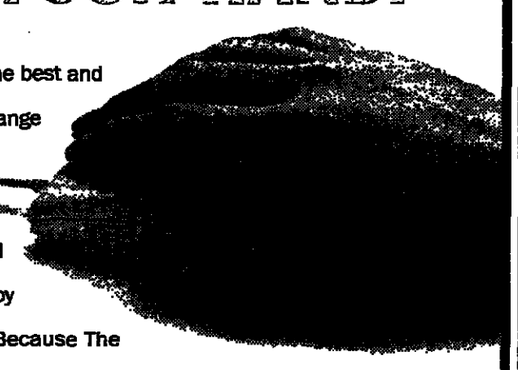
Other treatments include the closing of gaps and correcting crooked teeth to present a straight face to the world. "I am wary of doing work that is not clinically necessary," Mr Gordon says, "because work like this, unlike normal crowns and fillings, is usually irreversible. You don't want to jeopardise a perfectly healthy tooth."

MR GORDON remains baffled, however, that Amis went to America to get his teeth done. "Since the ban on dentists' advertising was lifted, you can find hundreds in *Yellow Pages* offering cosmetic work," he says.

"At somewhere like Dentics, in the King's Road, there is a boutique atmosphere. Their attitude is that if people take so much trouble over their hair, why not drop in and have their teeth sorted out as well?"

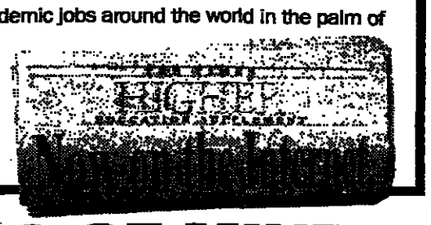
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A MEETING OF MINDS

How low can you go?

Low blood pressure is linked to tiredness and dizziness. Does it matter? **Dr Simon Wessely** reports

A 30-year-old woman living in Britain goes to her doctor complaining of feeling tired and faint. The doctor examines her, and finds that her blood pressure is a little on the low side, with a systolic reading of 100mm Hg. The doctor is likely to say something along the lines of "at least that is one thing you don't have to worry about". The conversation shifts to a discussion of possible sources of stress in her life as an explanation for why she feels tired all the time.

If the same consultation took place in Germany, the script might be very different. The doctor would now conclude that her blood pressure was too low, and that this was the cause of her symptoms. The doctor might recommend a high salt diet, or give a prescription for a low dose of *digitalis* or orgotamine.

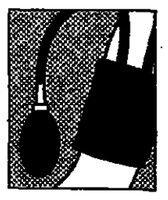
The Office of Health Economics, which records the 20 most frequent diagnoses and the 20 most frequent drugs used by general practitioners across the European Union, reports that in Germany the commonest recorded diagnosis of all is "myocardial insufficiency" — another term for low blood pressure.

Cardiac drugs such as digoxin that are used to treat this are the second commonest prescription. No fewer than 85 different medicines are available on prescription in Germany to increase blood pressure, at an estimated cost of £120 million annually. Neither the diagnosis nor any of these drugs figure in the top 20 for Britain.

Many symptoms we consider to be of psychological origin are, in Germany, viewed as the result of low blood pressure, a concept unknown in Britain and labelled a "non disease" in America. The same blood pressures that German doctors try to elevate, we regard as highly desirable. In consequence most British doctors view the tendency of German doctors to treat symptoms such as tiredness and dizziness with measures to elevate blood pressure as ineffective and rather amusing — a consultant quoted in a letter to *The Lancet* called hypotension a "continental medical myth" and another said that the drugs used by German doctors to treat people feeling off-colour were "rather stupid".

Back in 1990, I decided to carry out a study that would lay to rest what I also viewed as these quaint German theories. Together with colleagues at the University of Cambridge, I studied the relationship between low blood pressure and symptoms in a large British population sample, known as the Health and Lifestyle Survey. The first set of results was surprising — low blood pressure that ought to have had no effect on symptoms was indeed associated with fatigue and dizziness, although nothing else. However, I confidently expected that this was due either to people taking drugs that both lowered blood pressure and caused fatigue, or to those with a general lack of exercise having both increased fatigue and poor muscle tone. It wasn't.

Even when taking account of smoking, body mass, alcohol, psychological distress and poor sleep, the link refused to disappear. When the results were reported in the *British Medical Journal* we were forced to conclude that a consistent relationship existed between common symptoms such as tiredness and dizziness and blood pressures that we had been taught were not only normal, but a good thing.



Low blood pressure protects against strokes

What could the explanation be? Perhaps there is some deficit in the autoregulatory system which protects the blood supply to the brain from both low and high blood pressure, but this is just speculation. Or perhaps both fatigue and low blood pressure could result from a third, unidentified factor. Researchers led by Professor Michael Marmot at University College London suggest that this factor might be depression, although it still needs to be explained why depression would lower blood pressure.

Should we now start treating low blood pressure? At the moment, no. There is no dispute that low blood pressure protects against strokes and heart attacks. Furthermore, while lowering blood pressure in those with high values is crucial, there is no evidence at all to suggest that raising blood pressure in those with low values does any good. Low systolic blood pressure is good for longevity, but perhaps symptoms such as fatigue are the price.

There is a moral to this story. When, as is inevitable, closer ties with the rest of Europe lead to a greater exposure to unfamiliar and apparently eccentric ideas about the causes and cures of sickness, we must be more careful before dismissing these ideas out of hand. The possibility that low blood pressure does cause certain symptoms *is* now receiving serious attention in Britain. In a final twist, figures released by the German Federal Ministry of Health and Social Security show that the frequency of the diagnosis of low blood pressure is falling there.

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Newt's iron lady on her mettle

Martin Fletcher meets one of the new Republican storm-troopers, who is not content to cut down a bloated Congress

Enid Greene Waldholtz, the new Republican congresswoman from Salt Lake City, is causing terrible problems on Capitol Hill. She is demanding that her $133,600 (£87,000) salary be cut to $89,000 (£58,000). She is insisting on paying for her own healthcare. She refuses to be part of the excessively generous congressional pension scheme, and has employed only 14 staff, eight fewer than her complement.

Capitol Hill's time-serving bureaucrats protest that they cannot accommodate such idiosyncracy, but Mrs Waldholtz is absolutely determined to get her way.

"There is a sickness in this city," she says as she sits in her still-unfinished office suite. She is outraged at how she is fawned on if she is wearing her member's badge and ignored if she is not. She is appalled at the way a bell rings to hold up the traffic when she drives out of Congress's underground car park. She insists on being called "Enid", not "Congresswoman", and says she can quite understand how past congressmen acquired vastly inflated senses of their own importance.

> She is not a 'politician' but a private citizen on 'temporary assignment'

Mrs Waldholtz's ambitions are not confined to tearing down the old "Imperial Congress". She aims to transform America too. Though she had never held political office before, she decided to run for Congress when she was an aide to Utah's governor and was being driven to distraction by Washington's endless silly directives. Her vision is of a land "where people have the opportunity to direct their own lives" and "a chance to do whatever they want to do without government getting in their way".

Mrs Waldholtz not only signed the "Contract with America", Newt Gingrich's prescription for rolling back Big Government, last autumn. She has also co-sponsored nine of its ten Bills since being sworn in two weeks ago, and carries a copy around in her handbag like a Bible.

Mr Gingrich, who visited Salt Lake City to campaign for Mrs Waldholtz last October, has already singled her out as especially promising material. He has made her the first Republican freshman member of the powerful House Rules committee in 80 years. The committee determines what legislation reaches the full House, and when, so she is ideally positioned to help to fulfil Mr Gingrich's promise of votes within 100 days on all ten Contract Bills.

Mrs Waldholtz, a newly married 36-year-old lawyer, laughs a lot, wears glasses and is a little dumpy, but her mild appearance is deceptive. She is a self-proclaimed "revolutionary", armed with an unshakeable belief in her cause. She is an archetypal member of the Republican freshman class of 1994, the shock troops of the Gingrich army.

The class has 73 members including 30 businessmen, 23 lawyers, a couple of recent football stars, an obstetrician, an auctioneer, a man who was once homeless and even a former pop singer, Sonny Bono. The most remarkable thing about it is that the majority, such as Mrs Waldholtz, have never before held public office.

They are overwhelmingly white and middle-class. They almost all ran as angry "outsiders", fulminating against a bloated and arrogant Congress, and they are determined to cut Washington down to size.

They promise to balance the federal budget without raising taxes, a goal that will require hundreds of billions of dollars in spending cuts. Mrs Waldholtz argues that almost every federal programme except social security can be "improved, reduced or eliminated". They pledge to limit by law how long congressmen may serve. They are bent on returning power to the states, and dismantling a welfare system that they claim has destroyed the independence of those it was meant to help.

Mrs Waldholtz and her fellow freshmen cringe when labelled "politicians", a term they regard as pejorative. They regard themselves as private citizens on "temporary assignment" in Washington. They are unusually young, with an average age of just 43. They are driven by a messianic sense of mission, and a fierce loyalty to the man who honed their political message, coached many of them — through tapes and seminars — in the unsubtle art of destroying their liberal opponents, and personally campaigned for them last autumn.

"Newt, Newt, Newt!" they chanted when Mr Gingrich first appeared before them after the great Republican triumph of November 8. Mrs Waldholtz hesitates to credit anyone but herself for her election victory, but readily concedes that Mr Gingrich established the "environment that created the landslide of 1994". On the wall behind her hangs a framed front-page from the November 9 *Salt Lake Tribune* proclaiming "Waldholtz Leads Tuesday Night Massacre".

Hubris afflicts all freshman classes, of course. One after another they have arrived in Washington naively convinced they can change the world, but invariably they have been frustrated by the capital's vast institutional inertia. This one will be different, Mrs Waldholtz argues, because unlike its predecessors it has a party leadership actually spearheading the fight for reform rather than striving to frustrate it.

The greater danger for the Class of '94 is that it will succeed too well. The public strongly supports the abstract notion of minimalist government, but is likely to howl when it sees cherished federal programmes killed off wholesale. The great middle class may not mind less federal spending on the poor and minorities, but will furiously resist cuts in such basic government functions as education. It could come to equate Mr Gingrich and his loyal lieutenants with meaner, not leaner, government.

Mrs Waldholtz has been dubbed the "Mormon Margaret Thatcher", a comparison that delights her. The former Prime Minister "was not only forthright in establishing her positions but also fought for them", she says. "It's that sort of forthrightness and fortitude that people in this country feel is lacking. That's why they have such low regard for politicians."

She and her fellow freshmen will require huge dollops of Thatcher-like courage if they are to weather the political storms ahead, but for now they exude only unquenchable optimism and excitement. "I am one of the luckiest people in the world," Mrs Waldholtz says. "I am part of something historic ... No one will remember my name in 40 years, but they will remember this Congress."



Enid Waldholtz carries a copy of the Gingrich manifesto around in her handbag like a Bible

Let the trained take the strain

Why shouldn't children have stress counselling? They have enough worries

STRESS is to the 20th century what hysteria was to the 19th. Just like greyhounds whose shivering indicates breeding, so we need to advertise our sensitive and tender sensibilities. To complain about stress shows an awareness of the brutishness of the world and how unsuited we are to it. It's an admissible weakness which most people secretly think of as a strength — except when others start moaning about it.

People tend to be very possessive about stress, as if there were a finite amount of it about; for anyone else to claim a stressful existence is seen, threateningly, to minimise one's own suffering. But at least to admit to stress may be permitted: to reveal unhappiness, even to own up to it, is still not done.

If you can't face your own unhappiness, how can you possibly bear other people's? I was once on a television programme on which a psychotherapist was to talk about that particular issue.



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Before the programme went out we were discussing the miseries of boarding school, and how it affected — in this case — young boys. "Many of my friends," said the broadcaster, somewhat missing the point, I thought, "went to boarding school, and they are all perfectly respectable, successful members of the community. They aren't" — this in tones of deepest sarcasm — "wounded by the experience". "Perhaps," I said wetly, "they're unhappy inside." "Ha!" scoffed the broadcaster: "We're *all* unhappy inside!"

It seems to me that the outraged harrumphs greeting the news that a school in Cheshire has begun stress counselling for five-year-olds are no different. It's just another instance of the furious, fearful denying of unhappiness.

Naturally, I'm not saying that all children are unhappy. But children do have worries, and there is no crime in acknowledging that. The children at the school in question are doing nothing more than sitting in a circle passing around a teddy bear. As each child gets its turn with the teddy, the youngster says what is on its mind. This is hardly some new-fangled brainwashing technique.

Of course, ideological issues are at stake here. If it had been announced that a school was taking steps to stamp out bullying, everyone would be applauding. But anything with the word counselling in it is seized upon as new-age crankiness or left-wing looniness, and any teacher who mentions that some children have difficulties which they might be happier not bottling up is a gruesome apparatchik for an overbearing, intrusive state.

There are always jealousies between teachers and their pupils' parents, just as there are jealousies between nurses and their patients' relatives. A degree of possessiveness is unavoidable. It is not to be encouraged, it's true, but the level of paranoia here is extraordinary.

Just as *Tears before Bedtime*, a new BBC television drama, depicts a world in which nannies are drawn to their jobs not by love for children but by hatred for parents, so — as far as some teachers are concerned — parents aren't allies but the enemy (and thus, it follows, vice versa). But it's mad to suggest that these teddy-passing sessions are part of some dastardly plot to turn children into mini-grasses, denouncing their families and turning in their parents.

Lady Olga Maitland may see these classes as an invasion of family privacy, but why does she defensively presume that family matters are the only thing on a child's mind? Most problems do, I'd agree, stem from the family, but many of these children are as likely to be anxious about issues such as the behaviour of their classmates and the demands of homework.

There are, I know, teachers and social workers who do feel that every parent is a potential child abuser, and not so often with the emphasis on the "potential", but not all teachers and social workers are afflicted with such warped zeal.

I think that it is quite right to keep a check on the McCarthyite anti-parentism which isn't unknown in the social services — but let us not go to the other extreme.

LADY Olga's other grouch, and this she shares with many, is that children of five "simply do not suffer from stress". But childhood can be plagued by worries. Just because these worries seem insignificant to adults doesn't mean they don't terrify a child. My grandfather, who had his own business, was suddenly hauled up by the Inland Revenue, which suspected (wrongly) that something was amiss.

A huge case ensued, which, if my grandfather had lost, would have meant losing his business, his home, everything. My grandmother was understandably concerned about his welfare.

"How can you cope?" she asked.

"Nothing," he replied, "can ever be as worrying as standing at the bus stop and suddenly remembering that I'd left my school cap at home."

Rural horror at plans still up in the air

The peace of the Vale of the White Horse is threatened by proposals for an airport. **Walter Ellis** reports

The Vale of the White Horse, topped by its famous chalk effigy of an ancient equine god, is one of the glories of southern England. Below its downs lies a vast plain, extending almost as far as Oxford, bisected by the infant River Thames. Now that the US Air Force has pulled out, there is little left to disturb the silence. But the area, in which Alfred the Great spent his boyhood, is acutely vulnerable, not only to flood waters but to entrepreneurs with big ideas.

As revealed in *The Times*, the vale, whose eastern fringe is already disfigured by a power station and its pylons, is the latest corner of rural England to be threatened with "development". An airport has been proposed, with two runways, intended not as a regional feature or private flying club but as a key part of Western Europe's air infrastructure for the 21st century.

Plans detailing the development were drawn up in secrecy, with the knowledge of the Department of Transport and the Civil Aviation Authority. A business consortium, led by Pleiade Associates, a development company based in Bristol and including the engineering consultants Ove Arup, hopes to carry out the work between Wantage and Abingdon, on what is now farmland, with the Vale of the White Horse as its western approach.

Economically, the concept is one of the most grandiose in recent years. It would cost an initial £4.5 billion and would, it is said, be open for business in 2007. Thousands of jobs would be created in the construction phase and thousands more in the long term.

In a letter to Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, Alan Geal, group director, makes no bones of his intentions. "It is a paradox that the eventual benefits of economic growth, whilst being great, are unknown and remote to many potential recipients, whereas the negative impacts are seen as real and direct by those who, in the short term, bear a cost. This tyranny of the status quo may be a root of our relative economic decline — one can always find a greater number to oppose than to support any change, and to do so with great vigour. In the end the weight of our past may drag us down."



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A rural landscape blighted by a dream

Having thus categorised opponents of his scheme — who had at this point not even heard of it — as enemies of progress, Mr Geal goes on to warn the Minister that rejection of the airport could prove politically disastrous. His language — intended to be scholarly — is confused, but the message is clear: spread the misery.

In the Vale of the White Horse, celebrated by Thomas Hughes in *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, feelings are more mixed than Mr Geal anticipates. "Great idea. That's all I've got to say," shouts one of the driving forces behind Anglo-European Motor Sport, in Steventon, as he shuts the door in my face.

Another supporter, more surprisingly perhaps, is John Lane, landlord of The Woodman, an ancient, half-timbered inn in the village of Fernham, who is more concerned about finding a new carburettor for his elderly Jaguar than about the prospect of a daily stream of Boeing 777s and Airbuses less than a thousand feet above. "It wouldn't worry me," he says cheerfully. "At least I wouldn't have to face the drive to Gatwick any more."

Others, clearly "tyrants of the status quo", are less happy. Walking her dogs across the ridge of White Horse Hill, Jackie Topliss says she is "extremely concerned that anyone should even think of putting in an airport here that could end up bigger than Heathrow". Local residents had already objected to a proposal from Thames Water to form a reservoir — "but this would be much worse".

Marsh Pratley, a Steventon businessman who hopes to sell his converted barn, is appalled by the planning blight that has already settled over the district in the wake of the airport threat. "Obviously it will have an impact on people wanting to move into this area. I'm very disturbed. This is supposed to be a conservation area, and all this talk has scuppered our plans."

Estate agents are up in arms. Mallams, in Abingdon, says that one sale has already fallen through this year as a result of the airport scare and that many potential buyers have asked anxiously for information on what is happening.

Abingdon District Council, one of the local authorities most affected by the proposal, called a special meeting today to discuss tactics, but the feeling of the majority is already clear.

Terry Cox, the council leader, has urged all residents to express their "sheer disgust". Rosemarie Allen, chairwoman of the planning committee, said she was sure that most councillors would condemn the scheme as "grossly arrogant and unconscionable".

Viewed from the lofty tranquillity of White Horse Hill, the human scale of previous development is immediately apparent. Only the belching smoke from the power station far to the east disturbs the peace. But it is all too easy to imagine aircraft after aircraft stacking overhead and then descending in a roar towards the waiting Tarmac and the forest of sparkling lights.

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Nice work if you are the boss

Graham Searjeant on the value of top businessmen

Labour is presently scoring copious populist points over the excesses of big business, but the Government — philosophically bound not to interfere — can do nothing about it.

In 1990, with high-profile companies suddenly collapsing, the Bank of England called on Sir Adrian Cadbury to head a committee on "the financial aspects of corporate governance". It soon became equally enmeshed, as Sir Adrian wearily noted, in "the controversy over directors' pay". His "code of best practice" was supposed to be the answer. Instead of directors setting their own pay and perks, these would be decided by a committee of independent non-executive directors.

Since then, under some pressure from a few City institutions, so-called "remuneration committees" have begun to undo the worst excesses. These were pinpointed by Sir Owen Green, the puritan creator of the vast BTR conglomerate, in a lecture for the Institute of Directors. Those responsible for companies' performance should be rewarded well for success, he argued, but they could not simply pile up rewards for success while protecting themselves against failure. The "golden parachutes" provided by long rolling contracts should be an alternative, not a complement, to high salaries, generous bonuses and share options. Pay packages should be open and clear to shareholders.

> No firm can afford to admit its managers are mediocre

Judged by these tests, poor Cedric Brown, the hounded chief executive of British Gas, is the apotheosis of virtue. His 75 per cent rise in basic pay was part of a reform instituted by Richard Giordano, the new part-time chairman of the company. Layers of mysterious bonuses were stripped away. Mr Brown's previous three-year contract was cut, though only to a rolling two years. And publicly disclosed share options were linked to long-term performance on behalf of shareholders.

Oddly, the British Gas changes also appear to address the main stated concerns of Sir Adrian's successor, Sir Richard Greenbury of Marks & Spencer, whose committee has six months to produce its own code. Clearly, however, all this does not meet the public concern gleefully whipped up by Labour to attack the privatised utilities.

Great though the utility bosses' rewards have been since privatisation, they are generally lower than those of the boards of other like-sized private companies. Mr Brown's job has been transformed from the relative simplicity of lightly regulated monopoly to one of the hardest in all business. But his rewards and pay rise contrast with vast swathes of job cuts, talk of pay cuts for some workers and the prospect of higher charges for some poorer consumers.

The pay of production workers is the prime cost of the gas business. If these costs are not kept within strict bounds, the business will decline or fail — even if it is a regulated monopoly. The pay of executive directors, however, is regarded not as a mainstream business cost but as something quite different: the cost to shareholders of top-class performance. And behind that is the simplistic assumption that you get what you pay for.

To some extent, this is valid. In an era of lottery millionaires, few begrudge the much greater rewards of Peter Wood, whose brilliance and determination created the Direct Line insurance business, created jobs and saved consumers money.

But what of a failing business? It must surely pay for the skill and determination that are needed to save it. Good directors would hardly choose to ditch a comfortable post to take up such a challenge unless they were offered high rewards for success and perhaps some protection against failure. And no big company is prepared to concede that it willingly settles for run-of-the-mill managers — even if, perforce, most do.

This is the process that ratchets up executive pay without heeding its effect on ordinary people a few rungs down the ladder. The trouble with remuneration committees is that they consist of the wrong kind of non-executive directors. Usually, companies find the most useful non-executives for general business advice are the top managers of unrelated companies. They increasingly dominate the pay decisions affecting each other. Directors may not set their own pay, but it is rather as if Ford workers had their pay rates set by Barclays employees.

Even if the non-executives try to be objective, they will receive advice on going rates from recruitment professionals — whose own fees may be linked to pay. Professional advisers are no more likely to say that market rates for chief executives are falling than estate agents are to say that rents should go down.

Most of all, however, pay rates are driven by the only true market in top executives: the merry-go-round of finance directors. The job of a finance director is more comparable between companies than any other top executive. In a finance-driven corporate culture, everyone wants the best. And the earnings of partners in accountancy firms tend to set a minimum. The privatised utilities, changing from state monopoly to the complex world of overseas trading and financial markets, have been among the most assiduous acquirers of high-powered new finance directors. Yet strangely, the burgeoning cost of finance directors is not something the finance department often calls to the board's attention.

A new breed of outsiders on board pay committees might yet end the spiral — just as a sensible committee would doubtless put a stop to the spiral of football transfer fees. But in the practical world, it is unlikely to happen. For monetary rewards are identified with worth, the owners of big business do not control it, and there is no clear line between the risk-taking entrepreneur and the good chief executive.

Woodrow Wyatt says the Upper House performs its function better than any Labour alternative

Leave us Lords well alone

If we do get a Labour government, an extraordinarily high proportion of the time available for legislation will be occupied by constitutional reforms. Parliaments for Scotland and Wales have already had an airing, as well as possible regional authorities. As policy here is prone to alteration, precision is absent. Labour's stance on the House of Lords is hazier yet. We are told that within the first parliamentary session of a Labour government, hereditary peers will not be allowed to vote, though they may speak. As there must be a number of government ministers in the Lords, it would seem likely that one or more of the 13 Labour hereditary peers would hold some office, and so be required to propose measures without being able to vote.

However, it now seems that the present House of Lords will be replaced by a chamber elected by a form of proportional representation — as our members of the European Parliament would also be. The new Lords, following the pattern in other countries, would be elected for fixed periods, not coinciding with general elections. According to the "Policy Briefing Handbook" issued in April 1992, their ability to delay legislation would be limited to one opportunity for revision before a return to the Commons for a final decision. That is, unless "fundamental individual and constitutional rights" (whatever they may be) are involved, when the chamber's delaying powers would last until the next general election.

This conflicts with a 1992 Labour statement of policy: "Since the present House of Lords is completely undemocratic, an elected second chamber is bound to have greater legitimacy than its predecessor." Actually, the Lords is the last bastion of parliamentary democracy. In the Commons, a government usually can rely on the whips to deliver a majority, although on a free vote the number of its unconvinced supporters would sometimes deny it one. In the Lords, the Government since 1979 has been defeated much more often: 17 times in the 1990-91 session and ten times in the 1992-93 session. During the present session it has been repeatedly defeated over the Criminal Justice Bill, to the great annoyance and inconvenience of ministers.

There are 1,040 peers eligible to vote, among whom the 474 Conservatives do not have an overall majority. The 285 crossbenchers (of whom 168 are hereditary) hold the balance. They are particularly dangerous, as large numbers of Tory peers rarely turn up except when desperately summoned by whips to avert an impending defeat. Even then, a substantial element of those pressed to attend have a most unfortunate democratic habit of listening to debates and voting against the Government if they think it has lost the argument. This democratic freedom would vanish if Lords were elected and subject to deselection.

Elected peers would have to be paid and given secretarial expenses on the same scale as Commons members. The cost would be vast, on top of the considerable expense of holding periodic elections. In the financial year 1993-94, unsalaried peers received just over £6 million in expenses related to their attendance.

Two-thirds of the sittings were attended by at least 285 peers. Those who clocked in more than occasionally claimed on average less than £14,000. For that, the country gets hundreds of amendments to improve Bills from the Commons. In the 1992-93 session, there were 1,674 such amendments — which must have been important, for only 18 were rejected by the Commons.

In addition, there are remarkably effective committees. The Lords European Communities Committee (to which there is no plausible Commons equivalent) led the whole EC in exposing fraud, providing our Government with irrefutable evidence with which to force our partners to curtail or extinguish colossal frauds on European taxpayers. The Lords Science and Technology Committee, calling on world experts, has done distinguished work on such subjects as systematic biology, the science budget, safety of ships and forensic science, which could never have emanated from the Commons, nor from an elected and salaried Upper House.

Real power (which Labour intends to diminish through its subservience to Brussels) and public attention are rightly focused on the elected Commons. But Labour's leaders are mostly ignorant of the strength and value of the Lords. They are befuddled by the ostensible imperfections of its haphazard composition, which confers privilege indiscriminately. But having sat in the Commons from 1945 to 1970 (with a gap of four years), I can confidently say the quality of thinking and discussion is generally superior in the Lords *and* more in touch with public opinion.

If a Labour government mistakenly thinks that the House of Lords tilts too much to one party, it could easily remedy this by creating a sufficient number of new peers — though they might well be disappointed by their subsequent independence of mind, as Tory governments have been. What is clearly indefensible in cost and trouble is the creation of a second elected chamber with members who would not hesitate to sink their strengthened claws into the first. Mr Blair should pay another visit to his hero, President Clinton, to inquire how he regards life on Capitol Hill nowadays.

Still harking on a lost clause

Socialism's dinosaurs seem ready to do anything to prevent Labour being elected

Bernard Levin

There is still time for Tony Blair to get out of Labour politics and get into something much more agreeable and pleasant — for instance, shovelling pig-swill, or organising illegal cock-fights, or best of all, hitting old ladies over the head and stealing their handbags. You see, the great thing about such get-outs is that in none of them would he have to deal with Ken Coates.

Ah yes, Ken Coates. Yes. Well, well. Ken Coates, you say? Ah.

I truly believed that Mr Coates was dead (I am glad he is not), not having heard anything of or about him for a very long time. But I was looking in the wrong direction. He became an MEP (who hasn't?), and vanished.

Now, then. I have become hoarse saying that there are Labour MPs and aspiring Labour MPs and even union bosses, who have, buried so far down in their psyches that it is invisible even to them, a profound belief that taking office would soil the purity and nobility of their cause; office, you see, inevitably carries with it compromises, abandoned projects, half-loaves, even downright necessary broken promises.

Whenever I put forward that theory, I am told that it is esoteric nonsense, but I am a patient fellow, and I was sure that sooner or later I would be able to prove it. And am I not now fully vindicated? It was only a matter of hours after Blair had banged a few heads together (how I would have loved to be there when Stan Newens started warbling about the great days of 1945, only to have Blair point out that Stan was exactly half a century behind!) that Coates was ululating in a manner to warm every Tory's heart.

> Blair has not the faintest idea how socialists think ... the party's values ... not at all anxious to make their peace with market capitalism ... the short truth is that there is a fundamental political disagreement between socialists ... and the Leader of the party ... this young man does not begin to understand the mentality of the party ... global capitalism is more powerful than it has ever been ... Mr Blair ... will put no robber barons in the dock ... If the Labour Party can come under this kind of influence, what use will it be to any of our people?

Well, do you still deny that there is something in my belief that Clause Four Labour members like Coates (I wouldn't be surprised to learn that he pronounces "capitalism" with the stress on the second syllable) unconsciously want defeat? What else can it mean when, on the eve of a keynote speech by the party Leader, his faithful followers carefully make sure that the crucial speech is ruined?

Nor is that all. Think back only a few months. John Smith was hardly cold in his grave when a similar lunacy was uncorked under the battle-cry (it was genuinely cried): "Don't get worried about the leadership — remember that we represent class interests." I had to wipe away a tear, though I am still not sure whether the tear was for the innocents who jabber about class interests, or for the rage that it breeds in me. But when Mrs Alice Mahon, MP, found herself in the limelight, she took the opportunity to jabber (for a moment I thought it was Mrs Alice Bacon, that wise and sensible lady, now alas dead); I gave up, pausing only to hear Mrs Mahon say of the Labour Party that "the executive can't be trusted to honour the socialist commitment of Clause Four of the party's constitution, which advocates common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange".

Poor Blair! What will happen if the Coateses and their ilk do succeed in keeping Clause Four completely intact? Even if they don't, we must remember that there is a substantial section of the party (about half the MEPs for a start) who despise the party Leader, and despise him particularly because he "has not the faintest idea how socialists think". I don't know about you, but a shudder goes through me when I consider how socialists think.

Poor Blair! I yearn to vote for him, and indeed I shall do so, however low my spirits may fall by then, as I see the Coateses and Mahons and their like attacking Mr Blair's unspeakable "modernising tendency".

After all, Mr Blair as prime minister would know as well as I do that the ultimate catastrophe — the promise of a minimum wage — will, unless the heavens fall, be enacted, and will instantly add roughly one million to the unemployment figures. Why, then, did he agree to add to that crazy burden? Because he had already to struggle against giving a fixed figure! And because, of course, he had to give a sop — no, lots of sops — to Cerberus, in the form of the Alice Mahons and the rest of them. Yet it was not even Coates but a member of the rank-and-file who spelt out most clearly and painfully how Labour can, if it really puts its back into it, lose the election. Hear his voice: it is that of Jim Mearns, from Glasgow, and for him, Clause Four is

> a symbol of our commitment to the working class and a succinct statement of our core philosophy. I am sick of hearing that socialism is dead or dying. Socialism is very much alive and we are striding forward with victory in sight. Fifteen years of Tory rule has convinced us that capitalism is evil and based on the exploitation of the poor, the weak, the young and the old. Let's be tough on capitalism and tough on the causes on of capitalism. Let's do it. We should raise the scarlet standard high and keep the red flag flying here.

After that, even the cool voice of Denis MacShane, who used to fight together with me against the lunacies of the National Union of Journalists (does it still exist?), could do little but say: "We are a party of the people, and not a cult of Clause Four." If some of his colleagues have their way, it will be.

There is much talk, not least by me, about the 15 years of Tory government, now crumbling to its end. But forget the Tories for a moment, indeed forget Labour too. Just think of those years as years, and contemplate the enormous changes they have seen. Do the Ken Coateses and the Dennis Skinners and all really believe that to win they must raise the scarlet standard high? Even I, unspeakable cynic that I am, believed that Clause Four would have been laughed into absurdity by this time.

Now do you understand that Labour at last has a chance, a real chance, a great chance, a tremendous chance, a huge chance, an enormous chance of losing the election by a very wide margin? Mr Blair knows what time it is, and it isn't the time for Marxism, even if Prof Hobsbawm thinks it is. (Is it true, incidentally, that Prof Hobsbawm's latest million-page book says that Stalin was, on the whole, a good egg?)

How can we break that culture of failure, the belief that half a loaf is no good, and that only a loaf perfect in every way, and still warm from the oven, can be buttered and eaten? For we can make fun of Arthur Scargill and Alice Mahon and many more, for they are indeed funny. But it is the second wave that drowns the swimmer, and it is not possible to make fun of Ken Coates. What is more, it is not possible to shut Coates up, as Prescott was finally shut up, having been at last taught that softlee, softlee, catchee monkee.

But many, very many, will not come softlee to catchee monkee; indeed, they will cut down the tree in which the monkee lives, and burn it for firewood, while the monkee is doubled up with laughter in another part of the forest.

The Tories must go. They no longer have any beliefs, any ideas, any hopes, any integrity, anything at all except the knowledge that they must indeed all hang together, or, most assuredly, shall all hang separately. (And even as I quote, I feel myself stained by using the words of so splendid and honorable man as Benjamin Franklin to make my point about the rubbish called the Tories.)

Mr Blair has nowhere to go except upwards. And, as he knows better than I, walking up a steep hill while carrying several gigantic mill-wheels around your neck is a considerable task, particularly when there are also considerable numbers of dead elephants to account for.

This country deserves better than the Tories. This country will not get anything better until the Tories go. And every day they stay, the urgency gets worse. *Can* the Tories get worse? Incredibly and alas, they can. And only Mr Coates can save them.



Sleazeless

THE CONSERVATIVE Party historian Lord Blake will put on a punchy show when he appears today before the first meeting of the Nolan Committee, which is investigating the rules governing MPs' behaviour. First of all, he insists, the word sleaze will be off the agenda.

"It's not a word I am going to use in evidence," he tells me sternly. "Sleaze is such a vague and general word. What we are concerned with here is the proper standards in public life."

The recent scrapes of MPs over such delicate matters as "cash for questions" and holidays at the Paris Ritz are "absolutely nothing", Blake says, compared with the corrupt practices of the past. "Look at the Marconi scandal in 1912, where the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Lloyd George) and the Attorney-General (Rufus Isaacs) were speculating in shares in the Marconi company with the benefit of inside knowledge."

Blake, the biographer of Disraeli (who he insists would have passed a corruption inquiry with flying colours), says he has never been summoned before a committee of such standing and he plans to make the most of it.

"I am going to tell them that when MPs register their interests to inform the public what businesses they are involved with, they ought to show just how much money they get from them. I am also going to say that members of the House of Lords should register their interests. And I don't think I am alone in thinking that."



Fast forward

MY SYMPATHIES to the comedian Paul Merton who suffered a mishap leaping into bed the other day. The jowly comedian's smile was wiped from his face during rehearsals for his forthcoming play *The Live Bed Show* in a Covent Garden studio.

Merton jumped onto the bed, which was on castors. The bed flew across the stage through an open fire escape, and came to rest wedged in the doorway. Merton, however, carried on going, shot down the stairs and landed at the bottom with a bump. His wife, Caroline Quentin, who witnessed the scene is helping him to recover from a sprained ankle.

Beer money

THE THESPIAN element in Tony Blair's Labour Party are eschewing champagne socialism to let the beer talk. The latest money-spinning wheeze for the fighting fund is an evening of poems and pints.

On Friday evening, west London "luvvies" will gather at the Greenwood Centre in Hampton Hill to read their favourite poems and quaff ale. Hayley Mills, Samantha Bond, Miriam Karlin and Liz Crowther, daughter of Leslie, will be reading to an audience paying £2.50 each to party coffers. But in the spirit of comradeship anyone who should find themselves inspired by either the lyrical or alcoholic muse can take to the floor to recite for the cause.

● *Term cards for the forthcoming programme of debates at the Cambridge Union sport an extraordinary reproduction of Winnie the Pooh. "The new president is rumoured to be a devoted fan of the university's Winnie the Pooh Society," explains my man at the college bar wearily.*

Cap that

WILLIAM WALDEGRAVE's brother Lord Chewton faced the demonstrators trespassing on the family estate on Sunday with aristocratic aplomb. He was sporting a beret. Such headwear may have been a favourite of the late Benny Hill but is not commonplace in deepest Somerset.

"I'm not noted for my sartorial elegance but I've been wearing berets for quite a few years now," says Chewton, who with his wispish beard looked rather more Bohemian than some of the demonstrators. "I really can't think what else to wear. They are very practical and very cheap. But unfortunately, I keep losing them."

Film prop

THE PERFECTLY formed film star Mel Gibson could give the England rugby pack a tip or two before they lock shoulders on Saturday with the beefy mass of Irish prop forward Nick Popplewell. The two recently played at being 13th-century Scottish warriors together.

Recovering from a knee injury last summer, Popplewell (17½ stone before lunch) repaired to Ireland, where he helped a chum to groom horses on Gibson's forthcoming movie *Brave Heart* (about William Wallace's victory over the English at Stirling in 1297). The cauliflower-eared player was recruited as an extra, once a sturdy nag had been found.

"By the time I have a family and grow up I'll be telling them Mel Gibson starred in my film," he growls.



Sporran partners: Mel Gibson (left) and Nick Popplewell

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LOCAL DIFFICULTIES

Banham has a message for Major and Blair

Sir John Banham's Local Government Commission has proved one of the most complex — and useful — inquiries into the state of the nation of recent times. The commission was set up in 1992 to rationalise the allegedly old-fashioned system of district and county councils. Ministers hoped that a tidy new map of unitary authorities would emerge from Sir John's recommendations. In fact, the commission's proposals amount to just the opposite.

Sir John has declined a uniform model of local government and endorsed instead the political and social diversity his commission discovered on its travels. As he remarks in an interview with *The Times* today, the exercise has taught him humility. He has left 32 of the 39 shires more or less as they were. He has listened carefully to the people whom his recommendations will affect.

The Banham commission's publications and polls will be an invaluable archive for future historians. They should also be studied by today's policymakers. John Major's observation at his press conference yesterday that the British constitution is unwritten but not unchanging posed more questions than it answered. The Government has good electoral reasons for slamming the door on Labour's plans for constitutional change. When will it be confident enough to set out more of its own ideas? Dismissing Labour's devolution proposals in aggressive High Tory language is not enough. Conservatives must explain what they would do to enhance local identity, improve civic ties and bring government closer to the people.

Labour must also adjust its thinking in the light of Sir John's work. The Opposition has tended to equate local governance with town hall rule; indeed, it happily proposes a new layer of regional assemblies in England. Yet the landscape of local loyalties and institutions is growing ever more crowded. Today's Briton is as likely to identify with a Neighbourhood Watch or school governing body as with a county or district council. Sir John's argument that 'town hall bureaucracy is something of a secret garden" will be judged an understatement by many frustrated citizens. Restoring powers en bloc to local government — as Labour would do — is no more a panacea than was the Tory demand for unitary authorities.

Secondly, Sir John's arguments about the impact of technology on local communities should be heeded carefully. The "electronic town hall" only sounds a distant prospect because the British approach to political culture is so traditionalist. In fact, technology is fostering group identity in the workplace now; faxes and E-mail have already strengthened the sense that exchange of information defines community as much as place or politics. Those who would see local democracy prosper should investigate ways of harnessing this new force.

Sir John is right, thirdly, to emphasise the role of small institutions. The essence of democracy is representation; but participation should have a role too. The enthusiasm for grant-maintained schools in some areas has shown how citizens can reclaim institutions from bureaucrats and make them their own. Schemes to encourage partnership between police and communities have been remarkably successful. In particular, Sir John's proposal that town and parish councils assume a broader advisory role should be taken seriously by the main parties. Constitutional issues of this kind still attract less attention than devolution to Scotland or the future of the European Union. The Banham commission has shown that they deserve a far greater prominence.

DINI'S SHADOWS

Italy does not need another caretaker leader

Financial markets celebrated last Friday when Lamberto Dini, the former central banker and professional non-politician, was designated to run Italy's next government. The celebration could prove premature. While most prime ministers find it easier to win a vote of confidence in their parliaments than in the global markets, in Signor Dini's case this traditional maxim has to be turned around. The markets will instinctively give Signor Dini the benefit of the doubt because of his excellent reputation as a central banker; he will find Italy's cynical voters and politicians even harder to control than the foreign exchange speculators.

The new Prime Minister has two difficult acts to follow when he assembles his Cabinet and seeks his vote of confidence from Parliament. He must deal with the legacy of Silvio Berlusconi, the media magnate whose coalition Government collapsed before Christmas. And he must also live up to the image of the incorruptible and politically aloof Carlo Ciampi, the Bank of Italy governor who headed Rome's last technocratic Government in 1993.

Signor Berlusconi undermined his personal credibility by abusing his television monopoly and failing to address conflicts of interests. But despite his personal flaws, he set an exciting and generally credible agenda for Italy's political renewal: radical proposals to privatise the Italian State's vast inefficient industrial holdings, to simplify taxation, to cut government spending, and to pursue a more assertive, Euro-sceptical foreign policy. Signor Dini now has to continue enacting some of the most controversial elements of this programme, but without the benefit of his predecessor's personal charisma and electoral mandate.

To be able to carry on with radical reform Signor Dini will need to command cross-party parliamentary support, or at least acquiescence, of the kind that Signor Ciampi was able to assemble in 1993, at the peak of Italy's revulsion with its corrupt political establishment. To do this he will have to present himself as an Olympian figure, completely above the political fray.

This image may be harder to sustain for Signor Dini than it was for Signor Ciampi. First, he was a senior member of the Berlusconi Government, albeit without any formal affiliation to the political parties that Government represented. Secondly, he was involved in an acrimonious dispute with the Bank of Italy — a dispute uncomfortably reminiscent of Signor Berlusconi's parallel efforts to dominate Italy's state broadcasting system. Thirdly and most importantly, Signor Berlusconi has repeatedly suggested that he has made a private deal with the new Prime Minister, under which a new election would be called within the next six months.

Since a summer election would favour Signor Berlusconi's party and would forestall the anti-trust legislation feared by the media magnate, any such commitment to an early poll could easily undermine the new Prime Minister's appearance of independence. For this reason alone, Signor Dini would do well to state explicitly that he has given no private undertakings about the length of his Government's term. If this means alienating Signor Berlusconi and governing with the tacit backing of the post-Communist PDS party, Signor Dini should be prepared to accept this support. The challenges for the new Government created by Italy's parlous political condition are too great to be resolved in a few months. Signor Dini should undertake to govern for as long as he can find a majority in Parliament.

TEAM SPIRITS

Blame European rules for £7m transfer fees

An English dentist, builder or croupier can legally seek work anywhere in the 15 member states of the European Union, and their equivalents can do the same here. But a free market in labour — one of the main achievements of the European Single Market — is denied to workers whose mobility is commonly seen as routine.

Club football players are still defined by a national origin. Under a regulation passed in 1992 by the Union of European Football Associations, clubs wishing to play in European championships must stick to a permitted quota of foreigners they can field. That is the chief reason that the search for native talent has become so cut-throat a competition and why transfer fees have soared way over the goalpost. Andy Cole is a fine player. But his £7 million price tag has far more to do with his birthplace than his talents as a striker.

In days gone by English clubs did not need to look far afield for fresh blood. A stream of talented players jostled to be signed up; and there were Welshmen, Scots and Irishmen a-plenty happy to play for the leading English clubs. European football owed much to the game's development in Britain, and the clubs of the United Kingdom countries did well in the European championships for years. But the Europeans resented Britain's fourfold entry: Bavaria was not allowed to field a team nor Brittany. And the Uefa rule struck at this dominance: if Wales is a separate country, then Welsh players cannot play for English teams.

Few would quarrel with the notion that a club ought, in principle, to have some relation to its country of origin. There is a potential absurdity if fans accompanying their teams overseas were to wave their flags and voice their patriotic fervour only for East Europeans, South Americans, Russians or Frenchmen — players who have little in common with Manchester or Milan, and can sometimes barely speak the language of their supporters.

Like many high-minded attempts to regulate, however, the Uefa rule has led to its own absurdities. For many years richer clubs have set out to pick the international best. This has led to teams, such as AC Milan, which are a veritable United Nations. These high-profile teams are costly to run. But they can recoup their huge transfer fees from the profitable European matches — if, crucially, they are able to qualify.

The new nationality rule hits especially these top English teams, where Scots count as foreigners. Transfer prices will continue to soar. The distortion of the market not only gives players inflated ideas of their worth; it appears to show that English players are better than available East European talent, which is ready, plentiful and cheap.

In the end the market will find its own equilibrium; it will pay clubs to train players to the standards set by foreigners. But meanwhile English football will be dominated not by talent or innovation but by even more cash. The owners will have to be richer; and the game will be poorer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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NHS inefficiency and rationed care

From Professor Colin Roberts and Mr David Crosby

Sir, It is commonly stated that the demand for health care is infinite, and that some form of rationing is inevitable. We do not believe this to be true. Most disease and injury can be treated efficiently by modern techniques, but the delivery of health care by the NHS is inefficient.

There are ample data to support this in regard to outpatient services, the use of hospital beds, and the deployments of professional skills. The Audit Commission has already identified many of these deficiencies (report, December 1, 1994).

At any one time at least 10 per cent of all hospital beds are occupied by those who would be at home if they had adequate social or family support.

We believe that to ration health care would be premature. The imperatives are to rid the NHS of inefficiency and to limit the many ways in which it is wrongly burdened by purely social problems. It is quite wrong to expect that those needing effective forms of treatment should be made to wait for relief because of failures which have not yet been properly addressed.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN ROBERTS
(Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology),
DAVID CROSBY
(Consultant surgeon),
University Hospital of Wales,
Heath Park, Cardiff CF4 4XW.
January 13.

Ambulance report

From the Chairman of the South Thames Regional Health Authority

Sir, Mr Alan Meyer's interesting letter (January 7) concerning the London Ambulance Service is inaccurate in two respects. The South Thames Regional Health Authority is not, as Mr Meyer states, formerly the South West Thames RHA: it is a new authority created by the merging of the former South West Thames and South East Thames authorities and came into being on April 1, 1994.

I became its chairman on that date, having had no association with either of the two previous authorities, and I have therefore not been "chairman of the very authority which has for many years had the overall responsibility for overseeing the performance of the London Ambulance Service". My responsibility was for no more than the three months prior to the tragic death of Nasima Begum.

This allowed me to look at the LAS with a fresh mind detached from the past, but to do so quickly. I hope that Mr Meyer will agree, in the light of the team's report (details, January 11), that we have been objective and honest, and that we have charted a positive way forward for the LAS.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM WELLS,
Chairman, South Thames Regional Health Authority,
40 Eastbourne Terrace, W2.

Church of England and 'socialism'

From the Right Reverend Richard Llewellin, Bishop Suffragan of Dover (Bishop in Canterbury)

Sir, I am puzzled to know just what Church of England my friend John Witheridge, senior chaplain at Eton College, is describing (report, January 12). He suggests that it has espoused a whole host of "socialist" causes which has changed its theology into sociology and its priests into social workers. Certainly not the Church to which I have actively belonged for over 40 years.

For all its faults, the Church I experience day by day is, by and large, getting on with its proper job of praying, worshipping and caring, and sharing the good news of God's sovereignty and love. Moreover, it is undeniable that His love extends not least to those who are disadvantaged and marginalised.

It just will not do simply to dismiss whole groups of people by the use of catchphrases such as "black rights" and "bias to the poor".

I am dismayed that a person in such a responsible position, representing such an eminent institution, should have apparently succumbed to some of the prejudices which a number of ill-informed people delight to employ in taking a swipe at the Church of England.

Yours faithfully,
†RICHARD DOVER,
9 The Precincts, Canterbury, Kent.
January 13.

From the Rector of Pevensey

Sir, The Conduct of Eton is right in almost all he says about the modern Church of England as being narrow, exclusivist and sectarian. But Mr Witheridge is wrong to describe the Church's agenda as socialistic, for the Church's hierarchy only selectively endorses secular, modish slogans to achieve popularity. No doubt some bishops would make a linguistic move to the right if it provided a more effective means to power.

Support for Mr Witheridge's perspective would be the Archbishop of Canterbury's preoccupation with the destruction of the parochial system in England. Dr Carey, in my view, has imposed a lightweight anti-traditionalist, neo-Protestantism on the Church of England.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY HAMMOND CHRISTIAN,
Marsh Hall, Pevensey, East Sussex.

From the Rector of Bourn

Sir, The Conduct of Eton's 15½-year career has been marked by one three-year spell as a curate in a parish, and that over ten years ago, since when he has ministered in public schools and at Lambeth. All quite valuable, to be sure, but not such that it qualifies him to sit in judgment over the rest of us.

His view is in marked contrast to the positive and forward-looking view of the Church of England offered by the evangelical bishops at last weekend's Evangelical Anglican Leaders' Conference in London. No sectarianism or gimmicks there, but an unequivocal commitment to being the Church not just of but also for England.

Yours, hot under his collar,
JEREMY PEMBERTON,
The Rectory,
Short Street, Bourn, Cambridge.
January 12.

Going to work on a new-laid egg

From Mr James Hyde

Sir, I commuted to London from Canterbury for 46 years almost every day except Sundays — even professionals had to work on a Saturday, but on that day we were allowed trilby hats ("Commuting: all work and no day", Weekend, January 7).

One could not board a commuter train improperly dressed. I started with a Homburg, then moved up to a bowler, and finally the bowlers came from Lock's — I was then in the first-class category.

In the early days the "business" trains were the elite — four worked from Ramsgate, all equipped with the yellow Pullmans.

Breakfasts were served: some commuters had their own cereals in Pullman cars and brought new-laid eggs. The same conductor worked each Pullman and knew his passengers (they were not customers in those days).

On the business trains coming back in the evening the first-class passengers were seated by the station-master at Cannon Street (for many years a Mr Turpin, honoured by King George VI). Dinners were served and there was a constant supply of drinks to the first-class bridge players.

One knew so many people over the years, their personal lives and how they spent the weekend and so much else — but never names.

My wife was apprehensive when I retired, but all is well.

Incidentally, when I first commuted there was a fellow commuter who first travelled in the reign of King Edward VII.

I am, Sir, in respect,
JAMES HYDE,
Fletchers, 28a Ethelbert Road,
Canterbury, Kent.
January 9.

'Lost' village

From Mr A. G. H. House

Sir, Walter Ellis writes ("Village in the firing line", January 2) about the Dorset village of Tyneham commandeered by the Army during the Second World War. My family was one of those dispossessed — "for the duration of hostilities" as we were told in 1943. Our land and buildings had been family property for about 150 years.

My family home — a thatched farm house with outlying farm buildings — is utterly derelict. It seems that not much stone has been taken but the Army allowed builders to remove all wood and anything else of value. Some of the walls still stand but nature has taken a firm hold where once there were living rooms. Apple trees which as a boy in the 1930s I helped my father to plant still survive somehow, amidst nettles, brambles, thistles and varied scrub.

When I wrote recently to the Ministry of Defence inquiring whether there was any possibility of my family land being released I was told that no change in the present situation was contemplated. However, there was at least the assurance that in the event of a reversal of this policy the Crichel Down rules would be applied — viz. the former owners of property (or their descendants) would be the first to be offered restitution of their rightful inheritance.

It is true that the legacy of unexploded shells and other missiles would pose a formidable obstacle to the painful cost of rebuilding and re-creating a home. But this would be a challenge I would be prepared to accept. We never had electricity or water-borne sanitation in 1943 and our water supply depended on a gravity-reticulated pipeline. A modern generator and renewed piping from a restored water tank on the hillside are perfectly feasible solutions. We have lived overseas under far more primitive circumstances.

Fifty and more years on, not many of the original inhabitants of Tyneham are still alive. But there are descendants and close relatives whose hearts remain in Tyneham and who will never accept that the Ministry of Defence should be allowed to claim permanent title to this land — contrary to a promise given at a time when we vacated our property in the national interest.

Yours faithfully,
A. G. H. HOUSE,
Padfield House,
West Bradley,
Glastonbury, Somerset.
January 9.

Call of the wild

From Dr J. M. Hutton

Sir, The reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park (report, January 5; [Mind and Matter, January 16]) may also reintroduce the people of the United States to the realities of living with wildlife. We would now suggest that it is time for the return of bears and wolves to Scotland. Perhaps then there will be some understanding of Africans who also feel uncomfortable living side by side with dangerous animals, but for whom this coexistence is a daily dilemma.

Elephants and lions, like wolves, make controversial neighbours and the lesson from the United States is that their existence depends on relative costs and benefits to rural communities. The public and media must take this into account as they consider the most appropriate methods for the conservation of Africa's spectacular wildlife.

Yours faithfully,
J. M. HUTTON (Director),
Africa Resources Trust,
PO Box HG 690, Highlands,
Harare, Zimbabwe.
January 9.

British Legion

From Mr Malcolm Lawson-Paul

Sir, The newly-unveiled logo of the Royal British Legion (report and photograph, January 5, earlier editions) is a most disappointing piece of design, lacking either dignity or tradition. It is a poor symbol, to my mind, of the valuable work undertaken by this fine organisation. The heraldic badge it replaces was admirably suited to its purpose, and by inclusion of St Edward's Crown gave credence to the "Royal" appellation.

Some 25 years ago, in the course of my professional work, I was privileged to be invited to engross and illuminate on vellum a book of remembrance of war dead for a local parish church; with the permission of the Royal British Legion the title page featured their badge in colour and gold leaf.

It is sad to reflect that this latest design would provide little inspiration for a similar commission today.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM LAWSON-PAUL,
Ill Saint Pancras,
Chichester, West Sussex.
January 5.

From Brigadier Stuart Ryder

Sir, According to your leading article of January 4, "Legion of honour", demands on the welfare services of the Royal British Legion have never been greater. Regrettably this has resulted in the Legion actively supporting the sale of a number of unofficial commemorative medals struck by a commercial undertaking.

While there may be no harm in members of the public indulging themselves in the purchase of such memorabilia, it is to be hoped that those who attend VE and VJ functions this year will wear only those orders, decorations and medals which the Sovereign has granted or authorised for wearing.

To do otherwise would be to devalue the significance of those awarded officially for service to Sovereign and country, confuse a new generation on the relative merits of the medals on display and reflect adversely on so many brave men in the evening of their lives.

Yours sincerely,
STUART RYDER
(Head of Honours and Awards Section, Army Department, 1982-89),
8 Shenley Hill, Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Uneven honours

From Mr James Hampton

Sir, The uneven distribution of honours referred to by Major-General Perkins (letter, January 4) extends also to decorations for gallantry. During the Second World War, about one third of RAF aircrew were officers and two thirds NCOs: yet of the 28,152 gallantry awards, more than three quarters went to officers and less than one quarter to NCOs. This despite the fact that when in action, all did exactly the same work and often flew in the same aeroplane.

Piquancy is added by the fact that the officer's commission includes a reference to the "especial Trust and Confidence" which the Sovereign places in their courage. One might infer from this that a higher standard of courage would routinely be expected from officers and that they would therefore receive fewer decorations.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES HAMPTON
(Author of *Selected for Aircrew — Bomber Command in the Second World War*, 1993),
Airthrey Cottage, Yeates Close,
Thame, Oxfordshire.

Salami tactics

From Mr G. C. Howell

Sir, Some of your readers might suppose that the reason why Mr Stevenson Pugh (letter, January 13) was not permitted to purchase 1¼ oz of sausage is part of some devious plan to dispose of a European salami mountain. The true reason is somewhat more benign.

All weighing instruments used for trade are required by law to be accurate within certain small limits of error. At very low loads, these errors can become proportionately large, and a recent EU directive now requires machines to be marked with a "minimum load", which is 20 times the legal error allowance. This provision protects both the customer from receiving more than 5 per cent less than he has ordered, and the shopkeeper from inadvertently committing the offence of selling short weight.

If there is sufficient demand for sales of the sort Mr Pugh requested, then the answer is for the store to acquire a more suitable weighing instrument, or for it to offer a "mixed sausage selection" at an appropriate price, in the same way that some confectioners now offer mixtures of different sweets.

Yours faithfully,
G. C. HOWELL
(Lead Officer for Legal Metrology, Institute of Trading Standards Administration),
Environmental Services Department,
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council,
4 Ednam Road,
Dudley, West Midlands.

From Mr Graham Chambers

Sir, On holiday in North Yorkshire in August, six of us stopped at a café in Saltburn for a cup of tea. Seated at a table near to the counter and finding the tea somewhat tannic, I asked for the milk jug, in order to add some more. I was refused on the basis that "the milk-jug could not leave the counter, because of local authority health rules".

Not all *bêtise* comes from Brussels.

Yours etc,
GRAHAM CHAMBERS,
6 rue Mercier,
Kopstall, Luxembourg.
January 13.

Imperial echoes

From Mr Julian Bertlin

Sir, Alan Forward (letter, January 7) cites the Owen Falls dam at the source of the Nile as an achievement of Empire. Built to provide electricity to large areas of Uganda and Kenya it has operated continuously since 1954. Eighty thousand tons of plant and construction materials (including 36,000 tons of cement) were shipped out from Europe in the difficult post-war period. They were then hauled 750 miles by rail from Mombasa to the site at Jinja.

The dam was completed in three years, ahead of schedule. As resident director of the construction company my father was able to write a cheque for £1 million in 1954 to the shareholders of the private consortium which financed the project.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BERTLIN,
Rose Cottage, Church Lane,
Molash, nr Canterbury, Kent.
January 8.

Private schools choice

From Mr David Woodhead

Sir, Two things are wrong with Nigella Lawson's complaint in her article, "The price we all pay for private schools" (January 3), that fee-paying parents "are putting none of their energies into state education".

First, it ignores the huge sums of their money which they are putting into state as well as independent schools by paying their taxes and therefore contributing to a sector they do not burden with their own children. She may not think that represents a "high energy" factor, but this relief to the state system alone is worth at least £1 billion a year.

Secondly, she insults millions of concerned and articulate state school parents by implying that it is only the "vociferous few" among independent-sector parents who would be capable of making a fuss ("shouting, complaining, insisting") to get standards in state education improved. Her range of acquaintances must be narrow if she thinks state school parents are waiting in frustrated submissiveness for independent-sector parents, in her patronising phrase, "to better the lot of other people's children".

Roy Hattersley makes a similar point in his article of January 4 (letters, January 10), but illustrates it by describing the kind of grant-maintained school selection process which his own party leader has recently experienced in choosing a school for his son. No doubt Mr Blair will explain to his colleague the importance of being able to exercise such a choice.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID J. WOODHEAD
(National Director),
ISIS (Independent Schools Information Service),
56 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

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January 16: By Command of The Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherall (Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Señor José Juan De Olloqui at 48 Belgrave Square, London SW1, this morning in order to bid farewell to His Excellency upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the United Mexican States to the Court of St James's.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

January 16: The Prince of Wales this morning received representatives of Grampian Police in connection with the Diced Cap Charity Appeal.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

January 16: Princess Alexandra, President of the British School at Rome, this afternoon received Sir Alan Campbell upon retiring as Chairman of the Council and Professor Fergus Millar on assuming the appointment of Vice-Chairman.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Reception to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Hellenic College at 67 Pont Street, London SW1.

Birthdays today

Mr Muhammad Ali, boxer, 53; Sir William Benyon, farmer, 65; Sir John Boyd, diplomat, 59; Sir Malcolm Chaplin, chartered surveyor, 61; Sir Michael Clapham, former chairman, IMI, 83; Sir Mervyn Davies, former High Court judge, 77; Sir Edward Fennessy, radar pioneer, 83; Mrs Monica Furlong, writer, 65; Mr Neil W. Gamble, headmaster, Exeter School, 52; Mr Paul Howell, former MEP, 44; Mr James Earl Jones, actor, 64; Mr Anthony Kenney, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 53; The Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, 53; Mr Tony Mullins, jockey, 33; Sir Geoffrey Pattie, MP, 59; Professor W.B. Robertson, histopathologist, 75; Mr Vidal Sassoon, hair stylist, 67; Miss Moira Shearer, ballerina, 69; Professor Sir David Smithers, radiologist, 87; Mr Denis Tunnicliffe, managing director, London Underground, 52; Mr Clyde Walcott, cricketer, 69; Mr George Walker, former governor, Styal prison, 58; Mr Paul Young, singer, 39.



The organist Gillian Weir is 54 today

Royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of seeABILITY (Royal School for the Blind), will visit the school at 56-66 Highlands Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, at 11.00.

The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will attend a dinner for board members at Claridge's Hotel at 7.30.

Dinners

Athenaeum

Professor Arthur Ellison was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Rabbi Professor Dan Cohn-Sherbok was the chairman.

Cardiff Business Club

The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, HM Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, Captain N. Lloyd-Edwards and the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mrs Joanna Cory, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Sir William Purves, Chairman, HSBC Holdings plc. Mr Dyfrig D.J. John, General Manager Wales, Midland Bank plc, presided.

Luncheon

Rotary Club of London

Mr Jack Straw, MP, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Rotary Club of London held yesterday at the London Marriott Hotel. Mr John Parker, president, was in the chair.

Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company

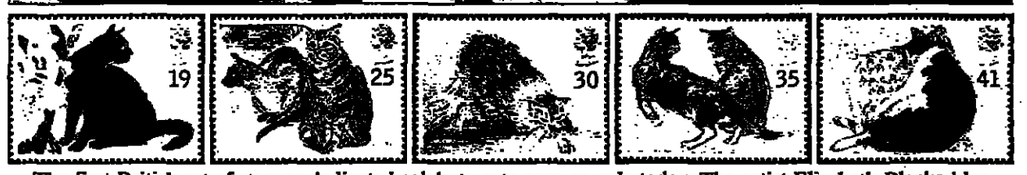
The following have been installed officers of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Geoffrey B. Brunning; Warden, Mr Richard F.H. Vanderpump, Mr Nigel S. Nichols; Mr Peter H.E. Padley-Smith and Mr George X. Constantinidi.

The National Heart and Lung Institute

The National Heart and Lung Institute, University of London, is pleased to announce that, from January 1, 1995, its affiliate the Wynn Institute for Metabolic Research, to be known as the Wynn Department of Metabolic Medicine, has become a formal department of the National Heart and Lung Institute.





The first British set of stamps dedicated solely to cats goes on sale today. The artist Elizabeth Blackadder featured her own three cats and those of friends in her Edinburgh neighbourhood for the watercolours

Christening

Mr Jem Gordon Sandford was christened by Father Andrew Hawes on Sunday, January 8, in the Chapel of Grimsthorpe Castle, Lincolnshire. The godparents are: The Hon Alan Hare (for whom Baroness Willoughby De Eresby stood proxy), Lady Christie and Mrs Louise Flind.

Glyn School, Ewell

The Old Boys' Association Annual Reunion Dinner will be held on March 31 at the school. For further information contact Hon Sec Malcolm Lawther 081-224 6693.

Lecture

Wellington Foundation

Dr Alex Sakula delivered the annual Hunterian/Wellington lecture at the Wellington Hospital, London, yesterday. Dr Arthur Levin, Chairman of the Wellington Foundation, presided. Dr Michael Dulake, President of the Hunterian Society, also spoke.

Latest wills

Major John Walkelyne **Chandos-Pole**, of Kirk Langley, Derbyshire, landowner, left estate valued at £217,158 net.

He left £3,000 to St Andrew's Church, Radburne.

Dig uncovers forts to repel Viking invaders

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

FORTIFICATIONS barring the Seine to Vikings attacking Paris have been uncovered near Rouen. Consisting of two forts on opposite banks, linked by a bridge which would obstruct the progress of longships upriver, the defences are thought to be the model for some of Alfred the Great's later countermeasures against the Vikings.

The site, at Pont de l'Arche, where the Seine and Eure meet just upstream from Rouen, has been studied for over 20 years by Dr David Hill of Manchester University. Last year's dig yielded evidence of a timber gatehouse.

While the village of Pont de l'Arche and its walls survives largely intact on the south bank of the Seine, the northern enclosure has been badly damaged by industrial development on the site.

The large rectangular earthwork was built in about AD 860 by Charlemagne's grandson Charles the Bald, according to documentary evidence, and archaeomagnetic dating of burnt clay from the ramparts has confirmed its Carolingian date. The fort was burnt by Vikings in 875.

This year, a stone refortification of the damaged bank was found. "This refacing is unique in France, but may provide clues to the origin of many similar examples found in England a generation later," Dr Hill said. "Pont de l'Arche could be the prototype for the English facing the same Viking fleets ten or twenty years later under Alfred the Great."

Alfred the Great built just such a double fort to block the River Lea near London in 895, when the Vikings encamped there, so that they could not bring their ships out. Buckingham and Hertford were also built on this pattern.

Appointments

Sir Johan Steyn, a Lord Justice of Appeal, to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, and Sir Philip Otton, a Justice of the High Court of Justice, to be a Lord Justice of Appeal in his place.

Mr John Flanagan to be joint district judge for the districts of the Oldham, Rochdale and Tameside County Courts and joint district judge in the District Registry of the High Court at Oldham and Rochdale from March 31.

Church news

The Rt Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans, is to retire from August 31.

Appointments

The Rev Sandra Lloyd, Assistant Curate, St John the Baptist, Niton and St Mary and St Rhadagunde, Whitwell w. St Lawrence, Isle of Wight: to be Vicar, St Mary and St Rhadagunde, Whitwell w. St Lawrence, and Priest-in-charge, St John the Baptist, Niton (Portsmouth).

The Rev Michelle Lockhart, until recently Assistant Curate, St Mary the Virgin, Leigh (Manchester): now Assistant Chaplain (part-time), at Full Sutton Prison (York).

The Rev Roy Pearson, Vicar, All Hallows, Tottenham: to be also Area Dean of East Haringey (London).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.T. Bartlett and Miss C.B. Goford

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Bartlett, of Keston, Kent, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr Jeremy Goford, of Battersea, and Mrs Diane Goford, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Mr L. Heyworth and Miss T. Goodman

The engagement is announced between Laurence, younger son of Mr Patrick Heyworth and the late Mrs Unity Heyworth, of Kingston Magna, Dorset, and Tania, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Goodman, of Lilydale, Victoria, Australia.

Mr P.J. Hopkins and Miss J.A. Every

The engagement is announced between Phillip, son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Hopkins, of Kidderminster, Worcestershire, and Jennifer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S.F. Every, of Crawley, Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr D. Lindsay and Miss A. Bowden

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs James Lindsay, of Glasgow, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Bowden, of Kelvedon Hatch, Essex.

Flying Officer G.D.J. Lofthouse and Miss P.M. Hanson

The engagement is announced between Flying Officer Garyth D.J. Lofthouse, son of Mr and Mrs B. Lofthouse, of Swansea, and Miss Philippa M. Hanson, BSc, daughter of Dr and Mrs P. Hanson, of York.

Mr A. McMinn and Miss G.E.L. Bunn

The engagement is announced between Angus, younger son of Mr David McMinn, of Maldon, Essex, and Mrs Anne McMinn, of Carlisle, and Georgie, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Derek Bunn, of Childs Hill, London.

Mr J.D. Marsh and Miss M.E.J. Plenderleith

The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Marsh, of Orpington, Kent, and Melanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Plenderleith, of Petworth, West Sussex.

Major J.L. Murray-Playfair, RRF, and Miss P.A. Rickard

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Charles Murray-Playfair, of Limalonges, France, and Pippa, daughter of Major and Mrs John Rickard, of Rhyd-y-Foel, Clwyd.

Mr N. Southard and Miss H.J. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Neil, son of the late Joseph Alexander Southard, of Jersey, and of Mrs Angersina Margaret Chinery, of Sutherland, Scotland, and Henrietta Jane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Cooper, of Kensington, London.

Mr P.M. Wyllie and Miss A.L. Clifford-Jones

The engagement is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs Bruce Wyllie, of Gomshall, Surrey, and Annabel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Clifford-Jones, of Ockley, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr M.P. Longford and Miss F.M. Malcolm

A service of blessing was held on Saturday, January 14, at St Peter's, Stratton-on-Fosse, after the marriage at Moreton in the Marsh Register Office of Mr Mark Parnell Longford to Miss Frances Martha Malcolm.

University news

Cambridge

Jesus College elections

To Honorary Fellowships:
Lord Stewartby and Sir Eduardo Paolozzi

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Leonard Fuchs, physician and botanist, Wemdingen, Germany, 1501; Pedro Calderón de la Barca, dramatist and poet, Madrid, 1600; Thomas Fairfax, 3rd Baron Fairfax of Cameron, parliamentary commander in the Civil War, Denton, Yorkshire, 1612; Benjamin Franklin, statesman, scientist and printer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1706; George Lyttleton, 1st Baron Lyttleton, statesman, historian and poet, Hagley, Worcestershire, 1709; Vittorio Alfieri, poet, Piedmont, Italy, 1749; Sir James Hall, geologist, Dunglass, Lothian, 1761; Charles Kean, actor, Waterford, Co Waterford, 1811; August Weismann, geneticist, Frankfurt am Main, 1834; David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd George of Dwyfor, Prime Minister 1916-22, Manchester, 1863; Konstantin Stanislavsky, co-founder of the Moscow Art Theatre, Moscow, 1863; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet, Nantwich, Cheshire, 1871; Mack Sennett, film producer and creator of the Keystone Cops, Richmond, Quebec, 1880; Sir Compton Mackenzie, novelist, Hartlepool, 1883; Ronald Firbank, novelist, London, 1886.

DEATHS: John Ray, naturalist, Black Notley, Essex, 1705; Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th American President 1877-81, Fremont, Ohio, 1893; Charles Marie de Lisle, poet, Paris, 1894; Frederic William Myers, poet and co-founder of the Society of Psychical Research, Rome, 1901; Sir Francis Galton, explorer and anthropologist, Haslemere, Surrey, 1911; T.H. White, novelist, Piraeus, Greece, 1964.

Captain Cook's Resolution became the first ship to cross the Antarctic Circle, 1773.

The BBC introduced breakfast television, 1983.

Royal Society of St George

Mrs M. Mavis Linton has been elected Chairman of the Royal Society of St George and Mr W.R. Firth, vice-chairman.

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The glory of God is to keep things hidden, but the glory of kings is to fathom them. Proverbs 25 : 2 (REB)

BIRTHS

CLARKSON - On Friday 18th November 1994, to Carol (née Huggins) and Nick, a son, Oliver, a brother for Benjamin and Joshua. Weighing 8lbs 7oz.

COLLIE - On 5th January 1995, at home, to Elizabeth Munro and Donald Collie, a son, Stuart Alexander, a brother for Cameron.

CONSTABLE-MAXWELL - On January 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Louise (née Crossland) and Stephen, a daughter, Olivia Sarah Turville.

HULL - On January 10th, to Gail and Mark, another beautiful daughter, Olivia May, a sister for Laura.

LE BLANC - On January 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Alexandra and Hadrien, a beautiful son, brother for Judit, Isy, Nina, Aliza and Ariella.

LOMAS - On 15 January 1995, at Ullevaal, Oslo to Gro Christoffersen and Hugh John an 8lb daughter Christina.

MONTAGU - On 13th January, to Susie (née Dunlop) and Graham, a son, George Joseph Layard.

MOORES - On January 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Alison (née Gardner) and Simon, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Maria.

ROSS - On January 9th 1995, to Sarah (née Ednorthy) and Rory, a daughter, Isabella Frances Campbell.

SAVAGE - On January 16th, to Sarah and Paul, a daughter, Abigail Marcelle.

SMITH - On 14th January, to Geoff and Beverley, a son, Adam Robert Luke, a brother to Daniel Robert.

SWIFT-KANTER - On January 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Alison and Jeremy, a daughter, Ariana Julia, a sister for Zachary.

DEATHS

ALLEN - On 13th January 1995, suddenly, Rear Admiral Sir David Allen K.C.V.O., C.B.E., of Shapwick, Somerset. Much loved husband of Margaret, father of Richard and Stephen and grandfather of James and Robert. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at St Mary's Church, Shapwick, nr. Bridgwater, on Friday February 3rd at 2pm. Enquiries and, if desired, donations for King George's Fund for Sailors, may be forwarded to Forsey & Son, F/D, High Street, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset.

ANSLOW-WILSON - On Friday 13th January, peacefully at home, Ernest (Tony) Anslow-Wilson D.S.O., T.D. Funeral Service at St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington, on Monday 23rd January at 2.30 pm, to be followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Royal British Legion, Chelsea & Kensington Branch, 484 King's Road, London SW3.

BILMES - On Sunday 15th January 1995 at St Anthony's Hospital, Cheam, District Judge Maurice Bilmes, husband of Emily and widower of Valerie, father of Patricia, Anthony and Trevor. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, Golders Green, on Tuesday 17th January 1995 at 3 pm. Enquiries H.J. Best, 345 Ladbroke Grove, W10, (0181) 969-1170.

BITSCHINÉ - On January 16th 1995, peacefully in hospital, Pamela Mary Bitschiné (née Batt), aged 73 years. Much loved and sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service will take place at St Lawrence's Church, Hungerford, Berks., on Friday January 20th at 2pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Camp Hopson, Northbrook Street, Newbury, Berks., tel: (01635) 522210.

BLACK - Enid (Vickie) on January 15th, peacefully after a short illness, beloved mother of Pam, grandmother of Harriet and Nicola and great-grandmother of Emily and Olivia. Funeral Beaulieu 12 noon Monday 23rd January. Family flowers only and donations to Multiple Sclerosis Society c/o House & Co. Ltd., St Thomas Street, Lymington. Please, no letters.

BRENNAN - Suddenly on January 11th, aged 69, Michael Anthony (Joe) F.R.C.S. of Fairfield Walk, Leckhampton, Cheltenham. Late Surgeon of Blackburn Royal Infirmary and Accrington Memorial Hospital. Beloved husband of Mary and father of Martin, Nabella, Antony and Deirdre, and a much loved grandfather. Requiem Mass at St Gregory's Church, Cheltenham, 10.30 am Thursday January 19th, followed by interment. No flowers by request but donations may be sent to LANE-FOX Respiratory Unit Patients Association (Cheques - L-FRUPA) c/o Barrells Funeral Directors, Lawnswood, 245 Fratton Road, Portsmouth.

BURRIDGE - On January 10th 1995, pecefully at his home aged 79, Professor John L. Burbidge OBE of Cranfield University (formerly of the I.L.O.), husband of the late Dr. Elisabeth Burbidge, father of Richard, Peter, David and Jonathan, and grandfather of Andrew, Marama, Sarah, Rosemary, Michael, Emma and Thomas. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Abbots Ripton, on Friday January 20th at 2pm. Family flowers only. Donations to The Friends of Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, Cambs.

CAMPBELL - Archibald Patrick Lochnell, Group Captain CBE., RAF retired. Died peacefully on 14th January. Beloved husband of the late Sylvia and father of Valerie and Alison. Funeral at 2 pm on Friday 27th January at St Mary the Virgin, Stopham, Sussex. Family flowers only.

CASTLE - Kenyon Graham M.C., M.M., dear husband of Joan and much loved father and grandfather, 14th January 1995 peacefully in East Surrey Hospital. Memorial Service 4 pm, 21st January 1995, at Christ the King, Saltdrda, Surrey, following private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

CAUSTON - On 15th January, peacefully, Richard George, much loved husband of Mitsuko of internationally respected leader of Soka Gakkai International in the United Kingdom. Formerly of the Border Regiment (1939), Harrods management, Alfred Dunhill (UK & Far East) and Strong & Co., (Yokohama), Buddhist funeral on Thursday 19th January, Taplow Court, Taplow, Buckinghamshire. He leaves 5 children by previous marriage. His life will always remain an inspiration to the thousands he guided towards the 21st century.

COLLYEAR - On January 16th 1995, Amy Elizabeth aged 96 years, of Nether Westcote, Glos. Loving mother of John, sadly missed mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral service The Chapel, Nether Westcote, Friday January 20th at 11.30 am, followed by interment. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Abbeyfield House Stow-on-the-Wold c/o W.J. Wright, F/D, Well Lane, Stow-on-the-Wold, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

COTTERILL-DAVIES - On January 14th, peacefully after a long illness, Lt. Col. Hugh Basil Cotterill-Davies T.D., (late R.C.T.), aged 78. Dearly loved husband of Ann and the late Jean and father of Angela and Meriel. Funeral Service, Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Friday January 20th at 1.20pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to G.B.W. (UK) Trust, 256 St Margaret's Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 1PR.

CUTFORTH - On January 14th, peacefully at home, Vera, aged 96 years. Beloved wife of the late Major General Sir Lancelot Cutforth K.B.E., C.B., adored mother of Jean and Elizabeth and loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral Service at St Michael and All Angel's, Sunningdell, on Friday 20th January at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Church or R.A.O.C. Charitable Trust. (0252) 340614.

DICKSON - Marsh, dearest friend of Rosemary Davis and family, died peacefully on January 4th 1995. Funeral to be held at the Crematorium, St Marylebone Cemetery, London N2, on Thursday 19th January at 10 am. Donations, if desired, to The Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

FEVEZ - Cecily Marion (née Rivett-Carnac), peacefully at Weymouth on Thursday January 12th 1995. Loving and loved mother of Valerie Durston, formerly of Hampstead. R.I.P.

FREI - On January 14th peacefully after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease, Eric, beloved husband of Erika and father of Caroline, Nicola and Michael. Funeral on Friday 20th January at St Joseph's Church, Portsmouth Road, Milford, Surrey at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the West Surrey Cheshire Home, Clock Barn Lane, Hydon Hill, nr. Godalming.

GALVÉ - José Francisco on January 15th, aged 82, peacefully at home. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday 18th January 10am. Memorial Service at Brompton Oratory on Monday 23rd January 11am. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon. (071) 834-4624.

GELISTER - On 15th January 1995, peacefully at home after a distressing illness, Adam Gelister D.I.C., F.R.I.B.A., aged 77 years. Husband of Jean and father of Andrew, James and Bruce. Will be missed too by his three daughters-in-law and six grandchildren.

GERE - On January 11th 1995 suddenly, John, aged 73 years. Much loved husband and father. Funeral Service at St George's Church, Bloomsbury, on Thursday January 19th at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to the British Heart Foundation c/o Leverton & Sons Ltd., 212 Evershott Street, NW1 1BD.

GODWIN - On 13th January peacefully in Cheltenham Hospital, Audrey Christine (née Cridland), loving and much loved wife of the late Gerald. Service at the Church of St Philip and St James, Grafton Road, Cheltenham on Monday 23rd January at 2.15 pm followed by cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium - family only. Flowers to Selim, Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

HALLIDAY - Anne, aged 50, died on 10th January. Loved by all who knew her in her editorial and therapeutic work. Funeral at St John's Church, Church Row, Hampstead, at 3.15 pm on Thursday 19th January. No flowers but donations to Edenhall, Marie Curie Centre, 11 Lyndhurst Gardens, NW3 5NS.

HAYCRAFT - Jo, wife of Bob Haycraft died aged 74 on 15th January 1995 in the Acland Hospital, Oxford, following an operation. She is sorely missed by Bob and sons Michael and Roland and her many friends. The funeral service will be held in St Leonard's Church, Wallingford, on Monday 23rd January at 12.30 pm, followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Cut flowers please to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford.

HERDMAN - On January 13th 1995 at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Mary Beatrice Maude Herdman, aged 81, of Corstorphine. Beloved sister of Bernard and aunt of Geoffrey and Anne. Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield Avenue, Edinburgh, on Friday January 20th at 1pm. Private cremation thereafter. Flowers to Wm. Purves Funeral Directors, 4 Roseneath Street, Edinburgh, EH9 or donations to National Trust for Scotland, 5 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh EH2 4DR.

IVERS - Giles William, dearly loved husband of the late Margaret and father of Alasdair and Fiona, passed away peacefully on 13th January 1995 at the Churchill Hospital after a long illness. Together again with Margaret. The funeral service will be held at St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium, on Thursday 19th January at 12 noon. No flowers or donations by request, enquiries to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, tel: (01865) 242829.

KIRBY - On January 16th 1995, peacefully, at Parc Vro, Mawgan, Cornwall, Emily Geraldine Morval Kirby (née Nelson), in her 89th year. Widow of Cmdr. A.R.T. Kirby OBE., RNR. Greatly loved mother of the late Sub Lt. Robin Preston RN, Simon Preston of Bideford Park Farm, Maidfield, Kent and Ben Kirby of Bishop's Quay, St Martin, Cornwall and as a mother to Sandra Gardner of Hutton, Essex. Dear grandmother of Rupert, Emma, Adam, Samantha, Rowland, Bobbie, John and Charles. A very special and brave person. Funeral private. Memorial Service at Mawgan, Cornwall, to be announced.

KRIKORIAN - On Tuesday 10th January 1995 at Bristol Royal Infirmary, Sara Mary, beloved wife of Gregory and mother of Tamara. Funeral at St Saviis, Iverna Gardens, Kensington on Thursday 19th January at 2 pm. Family flowers only to Lewarton & Sons at 149 Kentish Town Road, NW1 8PD. Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at Hawkchurch, Devon, later.

NICOLSON - On January 11th 1995, peacefully at Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, after an illness so cheerfully borne, Kathleen Mary, aged 86 years. Widow of the late Lionel Rutherford Nicolson. Dearly loved mother of Anne and grandmother of Piers and Clare. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Tuesday January 24th at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough. (01892) 665000.

OPIE - Betty of Little Baddow aged 81 years died peacefully at home on 13th January 1995. Much loved mother, grandmother and dear friend to so many. Service on Friday 20th January, 1 pm at United Reformed Church, Church Lane, Little Baddow. Flowers to T. Pennack & Sons. (0245) 471157.

PAGE - On January 11th at home in Vienna, after a long illness most bravely borne, John aged 74. Beloved husband of Marie and devoted father of Philippa and Alexander. Funeral in Vienna on January 26th. Contact: Prinz Eugen Strasse 68/5, A1040 Vienna, Austria.

PALMER - On January 14th 1995, Donald, beloved husband of Eileen and father of Judy, Elisabeth and James, former Headmaster of Bedford Preparatory School. Funeral Service takes place at St Peter's Church, Shambrook, on Saturday 21st January at 11.30 am. Flowers or if preferred donations for St Peter's Church, Shambrook, may be sent to Arnolds Funeral Service, Rolf Avenue, Bedford. MK41 7TE. telephone: (01234) 359529.

PARNELL - On 14th January 1995, in hospital, Brian of Thurlaston, Rugby, much loved husband of Margaret and father of Simon (deceased), Stephen and Sarah. Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's Church, Dunchurch, on Friday 20th January at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers, but donations for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund to A. Pargetter & Son, City Mews, Lamb Street, Coventry.

PEMBROKE - On 16th January 1995 Mary, Countess of Pembroke CVO, widow of Sidney 16th Earl of Pembroke, aged 91. Beloved mother of Diana and Henry. Funeral service at Wilton Parish Church on Friday 20th January at 12 noon. Family flowers only c/o Chris White 0722 790760. Donations to Salisbury Speech & Language Nursery payable to ICAN (Salisbury), Barbican City Gate, 1-3 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8NA.

PLUTTE - On January 12th 1995, peacefully after much suffering bravely borne, Robert (Bob), Much loved husband of Patricia and father of Helen. Funeral Service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Wednesday January 25th at 11 am. No flowers please. Donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund c/o Paul Bysouth Funeral Services, Crowborough, (01892) 665000.

ROWED - Ulywhite, on 13th January, aged 94 years, after a short illness. Widow of Wing/Commander G.T.E. Rowed R.N.A.S. and R.A.F. (retired 1957) who died in 1980, she was herself a member of the W.R.A.F. in World War I. A cherished and greatly loved mother, nanna and great-grandma. She will be sadly missed. Family flowers but donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Association c/o Moody's Funeral Directors, 59 Old Milton Road, New Milton, BH25 6DJ.

RUSSELL - On January 15th, suddenly in a nursing home, Gillian, dear sister of Barry and much loved aunt. Funeral Service on Monday 23rd January at 3 pm at Chichester Crematorium. Flowers to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester (0243) 782136.

SALISBURY-JONES - On Sunday January 15th, peacefully in her 98th year, Hilda Violet Helena, widow of Guy Verburgh, and widow of Guy Salisbury-Jones. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Hambledon, Hampshire, on Monday January 23rd at 2 pm.

SCHANZER - Giorgio, on 14th January 1995, after a long illness bravely borne at Cheam on his beloved island of Crete. Giorgio, husband of Cristina Theodoli and father of Alvise, Marco and Enrico.

SHAFTO - On January 13th, Brenda Margaret, widow of the late Major Mark Shafto, and mother of Peter and Bobbie. Funeral details from F.C. Douch & Son, Wimborne. Family flowers only, no letters please.

SHELL - Alice, peacefully at Grenagates Nursing Home, Oxford, on January 14th, aged 93 years. Dearly loved mother of Marianne and Anthony, mother-in-law of Riad, grandmother of Samira, Hamdi, Aiza and Anwar and great-grandmother to Malak. The funeral will be held at the Oxford Crematorium on 25th January 1995 at 11.15am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Help the Aged and any correspondence c/o A.W. Bruce, 29 Rogers Street, Summertown, Oxford.

STANLEY PRICE - Margot of Great Ouseburn, York, peacefully on Sunday 15th January 1995, much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Great Ouseburn, at 1 pm on Friday 20th January, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to the Friends of York Minster.

TOBIN - On January 9th 1995, peacefully in Epsom General Hospital, Michael Lawrence, son of Denis and brother of Patrick. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Pity and St Simon Stock, Putney, on Thursday January 26th at 10 am, followed by interment at Putney Vale Cemetery at 11.15 am. R.I.P. Flowers to Ashton Mildes Funeral Services, 221 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, SW15, tel: (081) 788-1790.

VAN DER POST - Marjorie, daughter of Theo Wendt the conductor, former wife of Laurens van der Post and mother of John and Laeta van der Post, died at the age of 89 at her home in Cape Town on Friday 13th January. Her funeral will be held according to the Rites of the Orthodox Latin Church on Monday 23rd January, and she will be buried close to the mountain which was dear to her.

WHITTERIDGE - On January 11th, peacefully in hospital, Sir Gordon Calguy Whitteridge, KCMG, CBE, FBA, retired member of H.M. Diplomatic Service, dearest husband of Jill, the late Margaret, (killed by enemy action off Sumatra 1942, together with their two children Jacqueline and Anthony), and the late Jane (died 1979), father of Jeremy, grandfather of Timmy. Private cremation. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurses, c/o R.C. Patrick & Co., Funeral Directors, 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey, GU9 7TP. Service of Thanksgiving at Seale Parish Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Saturday 25th February at 12 noon.

WILSON - See Halliday.

WOOD - On Sunday January 15th, after a short illness very bravely borne, Mary Joan Frances, aged 67 years. Beloved wife of the late Denis A. Wood, loved mother of Dick, Jane, David and the late Robin, beloved grandmother of Dougal, Lucy, Miranda, Tom, Daniel and Matthew and great-grandmother of Jessica, Amy and Sam. Funeral at St Andrew's Church, Blagdon, on Friday January 20th at 11 am. Flowers or donations in her memory for St Andrew's Church, Blagdon, may be sent to Michael W. Rowe Funeral Director, Tunbridge College, Tunbridge Road, Chew Magna, Bristol, BS18 8SP.

WOOD - Peacefully at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary on 15th January 1995 in her 81st year, after short illness, Catherine, widow of Lt. Col. L. Wood, R.A.M.C. beloved sister of Joyce Peter of Zimbabwe. Funeral Service at Warriston Crematorium Main Chapel, Edinburgh, on Friday 20th January at 2 pm, to which her many friends are invited. No flowers please but a donation in her memory which will be given to nursing charities may be sent to Archibald Campbell & Harley WS, 37 Queen Street, Edinburgh, tel: (0131) 220-3000.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KEEBLE - A service to celebrate the life of Tom Keeble will be held at St Andrew's Church, Oakington, Cambridge, on Saturday February 11th at 12 noon. All friends welcome.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

LAWRENCE - Brian A. Nine years of missing you. Joanne, Linda, Brett and Chris.

OWEN - Jason Matthew Dale, aged 5 years, of Penarth. In loving memory of Jason, darling youngest son of Dale and Maureen, brother of Justin and Julian and grandson of the late Charles and Evelyn Kelly. After 6 weeks in Cardiff Royal Infirmary, died tragically on January 17th 1984 from H.U.S. (Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome) a cruel illness courageously endured. Although so very ill in the Infirmary Jason said "I like to be nice to people". So graciously echoed by his family and friends.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL W. M. BROOMHALL

Major-General W. M. Broomhall, CB, DSO, OBE, Chief Engineer, Middle East Land Forces, 1948-51, died on January 13 aged 97. He was born on July 16, 1897.

"TUBBY" BROOMHALL, is reputed to have acquired his nickname as a prisoner of war in Colditz, where as senior British officer he was renowned for the forceful personality he displayed in the face of his captors. But he is even better remembered for one of the most ingenious escape attempts of the war which took place before he was transferred to Colditz.

This was at Oflag VIIB in Eichstätt, Bavaria, where Broomhall's brilliant impersonation of a Wermacht general (ably supported by a meticulously created uniform, to back up the imposture) almost enabled him to walk out of the camp in broad daylight. If it had not been for the fact that Broomhall entered a little too wholeheartedly into his new role, he and his fellow escapers would certainly have got clear of Eichstätt, whatever the future might have held thereafter.

One of the ablest of his generation of Royal Engineer officers, it was Broomhall's great misfortune to be taken prisoner in France so early in the war, thus forfeiting the brilliant military career which should otherwise have been his.

William Maurice Broomhall was educated at St Paul's School, London, and RMA Woolwich where he was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1915. He served with 201 Field Company RE on the Western Front from 1915 onwards and gained a reputation as an able tactician and for bravery. He was wounded twice.

He then saw active service in India during the North West Frontier campaigns of the early and late 1920s, being mentioned in dispatches and appointed OBE (military). He entered the Staff College, Camberley, in 1932, where his abilities as a staff officer were recognised by his posting as a Brigade Major to a Scottish infantry brigade, and then as GSO2 Intelligence at the War Office.

Early in 1940 he became the GSO1 of the 1st Armoured Division, which was sent to France via Cherbourg after the German offensive in the West had already begun. It was fed piecemeal into the fighting on the Somme on the southern side of the German breakthrough to the sea at Abbeville. Broomhall was captured during the chaos of the withdrawal on Cherbourg when France collapsed.

His attempted escape from the PoW camp at Eichstätt in 1943 was a minor epic. Several escapes from that camp had already been made by inmates disguised in German uniforms. Each escape made the guards more suspicious and so the rank of the escapers had to be increased to overawe them.

Broomhall had the figure, air of authority and age to make a convincing general — in appearance, but in nothing else, he was not unlike Lowe's prewar cartoon of Colonel Blimp. He set out to emulate a German engineer general, accompanied by a likely staff of a captain, a staff sergeant and two civilian clerks of works, who would supposedly be visiting the camp to go into plans for its enlargement.

He and his party were to try to leave by a little-used back gate, ostensibly looking for further camp sites along the valley. In about a mile from the gates of Oflag VIIB they knew they would be able to get into a forest where they would be able to discard their uniforms and set off for freedom in the civilian clothes they would be wearing underneath.

The outfits were duly made under the supervision of Tubby's Savile Row tailor, who happened to be a prisoner with him. With the greatest ingenuity Red Cross blankets, bits of string and lengths of wire were all pressed into service to create uniform tunics, peaked caps and other necessary accoutrements.

On the day of the escape, Broomhall, accompanied by Lieutenant Lance Pope of the Royal Fusiliers and the other would-be escapers, set off, resplendent in a general's red tabs, Iron Cross and jackboots. He was not a fluent German speaker, but he had rehearsed one sentence which he uttered in a powerfully authoritative voice — "Schnell — machen Sie das Tor auf!" ("Hurry up and get that gate open!")

Unfortunately this convincing display of bad temper set the guard who let them through to thinking it odd that he had not seen a general about the camp that day. When he checked with the main gate this suspicion was confirmed and a detail was sent out to pursue the escapers, who were recaptured before they reached the cover of the forest.

When told by the camp commandant that wearing enemy uniform was a military offence punishable by death, Broomhall replied that he was not wearing uniform but "fancy dress" made for him by his friends in the camp.

Transfer to Colditz was the reward for the bogus engineer general. There, such was the respect in which he was held by both the German camp staff and the British PoWs that he was awarded the DSO in November 1945 for his outstanding leadership during the five years of captivity. For years afterwards, his comrades spoke with admiration of the support he had given them.

Soon after the war he became a real engineer general when he was appointed, in succession, Chief Engineer, Allied Armies in Italy, 1946; Chief Engineer, British Army of the Rhine, 1947; and Chief Engineer, Middle East, in 1948.

On his retirement from the Army in 1951, he became chairman and managing director of the Cellulose Development Corporation until 1972.

Tubby Broomhall remained a bachelor all his life. In his later years he lived with his cousin Susan Broomhall, who kept house for him.



Oflag VIIB, Bavaria, 1943: after their failed escape attempt, Broomhall, second left. Pope, centre, and other members of the escape party in their German disguises

DR R. E. BONHAM CARTER

Dr R. E. Bonham Carter, Consulting Physician to The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, died on December 18 aged 84. He was born at Portalloch, Argyll, on August 27, 1910.



WHEN Dick Bonham Carter returned to Great Ormond Street after the war he set out to improve the outcome for children born with heart disease and aimed to establish units specifically for treating this group of children. But Bonham Carter's legacy was more than just this; it is represented by a living institution of humanitarian importance and international reputation.

Together with David Waterson he founded and developed the cardiothoracic unit at Great Ormond Street which pioneered so many of the techniques we take for granted today. He achieved this with a single-minded dedication and a powerful intellect that rapidly elevated the unit to the position of world leader in paediatric cardiology. It became a model to which many units throughout the world have looked.

A modest man, he eschewed the limelight except where his work made this unavoidable; he preferred instead the life of a family man where his generosity and sense of fun will be irreplaceable. To him the cardiothoracic unit was part of his extended family. He treated all those who worked within it, nurses, assistants, domestic staff, junior doctors as equals — he always had time for, and listened to, everyone. He delighted in working with children and gained their confidence easily with his sense of fun, treating their parents with a respect that still lives in their memories, no matter how delicate a problem it was necessary to discuss.

Richard Bonham Carter was the younger son of Captain Alfred Erskine Bonham Carter and Margaret Emily Malcolm. While his elder brother Christopher pursued a naval career, rising to the rank of rear-admiral, the interests of the younger brother were always academic.

He was educated at Elstree Preparatory School and Clifton College where he shone both in the classroom and on the sports field. He represented the college at rugby, cricket and, outstandingly, at athletics. He went up to Peterhouse, Cambridge, taking a degree in Natural Sciences, and was awarded an athletics Blue for the long jump. He completed his clinical training at St Thomas' Hospital in 1936.

After house appointments there he obtained the MRCP unusually early in 1938. He then went to Great Ormond Street as a house physician with the intention of a brief look at paediatrics. But paediatrics rekindled an interest that dominated the remainder of his medical career, and was consolidated by his appointment as resident assistant physician in the same year.

At the outbreak of war he was appointed to work for the Emergency Medical Service Section 4 HQ. However, his interest in children's health was already established, and in 1940 he moved to the Ministry of Health, where he organised the provision of medical services to children evacuated from London.

In 1942 he enlisted as a medical officer in the First Airborne Division, rising to the rank of major, and to being Deputy Assistant Director Medical Services. He served in North Africa, Sicily and Italy with the 4th Parachute Brigade under Sir John Hackett. He was mentioned in dispatches in relation to the 1944 Arnhem landings, where — typically having elected to stay behind to care for the wounded after the final withdrawal — he was captured. Although he rarely spoke of this experience, it affected him deeply. It is significant that the only personal memorabilia ever on display in his house were cartoons of himself affectionately drawn by his fellow PoWs.

He was liberated in 1945 and returned to work briefly again at the Ministry of Health, where he assisted Sir Francis Fraser in restoring the interrupted careers of doctors involved in the war. He resumed his sessions at Great Ormond Street, returning in 1947, first as assistant to (later Sir) Alan Moncrieff, the first professor at the newly-established Institute of Child Health.

His interest in paediatric cardiology intensified at this time, so much so that in 1947 he was appointed physician at Great Ormond Street with a special interest in this developing discipline. The following year he joined the consultant staff in the Children's Department of University College Hospital. He relinquished this appointment in 1966 to devote all his time to the developing cardiothoracic unit at Great Ormond Street.

Two major events occurred in 1950: he was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and the surgeon David Waterston joined the Great Ormond Street staff. Together they established a partnership which Bonham Carter always referred to as that of "plumber" and "plumber's mate". Their joint work established the cardiothoracic unit in 1954, and six beds were allocated. This partnership remained intense until their respective retirements.

The foundations were well laid academically for the continuing expansion of the unit and Bonham Carter's determination and perseverance with the Department of Health allowed the unit to become one of the most active to maintain an integrated medical surgical and nursing programme. Unfortunately, construction of the fabric was beset by miscalculation and the cardiac wing at Great Ormond Street did not become operational until 1988.

Dick Bonham Carter was a quiet, contemplative man with an enormous knowledge derived from his extensive reading and his own personal experiences. Although born into a political family, he remained essentially apolitical himself, but would offer unswerving support to any cause he considered just. He despised pomposity and cant — who else would greet an examination candidate from under the table where he was entertaining a child patient?

He married Margaret Staci in 1946 and she and three daughters survive him.

W. H. CORNISH



W. H. Cornish, CB, Home Office civil servant and Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, 1961-67, died on January 7 aged 89. He was born on January 2, 1906.

A KEEN sportsman in his youth, William Herbert Cornish had a distinguished career in the Home Office. As Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District he was responsible for the finances and property of the Metropolitan Police at a time when that force was undergoing major changes.

Cornish's father was a Methodist Minister in Ireland. He was educated in Dublin at Wesley College and Trinity College. His academic record was outstanding. He took pride in the unusual feat of winning a scholarship in his opening year at Trinity, and his first-class degree gained him its gold medal.

He joined the Home Office in 1930 and, after a lengthy spell in the general department, where he became the acknowledged expert on electoral law, went on to work in other areas, including the fire service division during the wartime period of the National Fire Service and the aliens and nationality division at a time when there were the first stirrings about the problem of unrestricted immigration.

But his main experience lay with the police department. After two previous spells there he was made its head in 1955; he acquired an exhaustive knowledge of the service and enjoyed a high reputation among its members.

In 1955 he was appointed CB. He became Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District in 1961 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1967, when he carried out some part-time work for the Home Office, in particular in preparing a weighty memorandum of the Royal Prerogative of Mercy.

Throughout his career Cornish displayed a clear and incisive mind and on any problem (and there were plenty) he could be counted on to set out the relevant considerations and to express his views forcefully, economically and accurately, without fear or favour. He could on occasion show some asperity, at any rate towards his superiors and those of equal rank, but he could also show great kindness to those working for him.

As Receiver, Cornish was responsible for a number of major construction projects for the police, including the development of the Hendon complex and the provision of support headquarters at Lambeth — and also the acquisition of the building in Victoria Street which is now the Metropolitan Police headquarters. There was some controversy about this project at the time, but in the long run the terms he struck, which involved obtaining a part equity in the new building, have turned out to be amply justified.

Cornish always commanded a respect for his obvious intelligence, but to those who saw him only at a distance he could appear to be a somewhat sombre and formidable figure. Those who knew him, though, were aware of a quite different person.

He was blessed with a most happy marriage, ending with his wife's death in 1991. They had two daughters, who survive him.

JULIAN BELFRAGE

Julian Belfrage, theatrical agent, died from cancer on December 28 aged 60. He was born on February 19, 1934.



THE career of Julian Belfrage might have taken a different turn had he not left the cast of *Roar Like a Dove* in 1958 to join the theatrical agents MCA. He had understudied Peter Barkworth since the play opened the previous year and a few days after Belfrage had taken up his new job, Barkworth missed a performance. Only once did Belfrage return to acting and that was when he played the part of Vanessa Redgrave's husband in the John Schlesinger film *Yanks* in 1979.

In a career spanning more than 35 years as a theatrical agent, Belfrage built up an impressive cast list of some of the best-known actors and actresses including Dame Judi Dench and her husband Michael Williams, Daniel Day-Lewis, John Hurt, Ian Holm and his wife Penelope Wilton.

Julian Rochfort Belfrage was the only child of Bruce Belfrage, an actor, and his actress wife Joan Henley.

Julian Belfrage went to school at Canford. He had a natural aptitude for sports and played hockey for Dorset, was a useful cricketer and a keen golfer who, with his professional partner, won the Pro-Am tournament at Sandy Lane in Barbados in 1991.

After two years' National Service in the Royal Navy he went to the Central School of Speech and Drama. Among his contemporaries was Judi Dench, whom he represented from the start of her career. He built up a very close working relationship with his actors and actresses.

Belfrage was not the popular idea of a theatrical agent and seldom "talked shop" out of the office, particularly in relation to his own business, and was more at home in the Turf Club than at the Garrick. A very good-looking man with vivid blue eyes, he would prefer to regale his friends with the chances of a novice steeplechaser at Sandown Park the following day, a greyhound at Wimbledon or an outsider for the US Masters.

His love of a sporting occasion prompted him to take a cricket team to Ireland in the 1960s to play against an Irish friend's XI. Belfrage led him to believe that he would be including a few cricketing stars of the day, so the Irish captain fielded a strong side. The Irish batted first and declared with something over 200 on the board for the loss of two wickets. Belfrage's side, which was made up of an assortment of racing and drinking friends was all out for 11. Belfrage used to relate this story and end up — "and four of those were byes".

National Hunt Racing was his passion and he owned a number of successful steeplechasers — all trained by Nick Gaselee at Lambourn, including the appropriately-named Leading Artist, which won a 100-1, Pucks Place (by Midsummer Night) and Titus Andronicus. Although desperately ill, he bravely attended Nottingham races on December 17 and was rewarded by the victory of his newest horse, Spinnaker.

He is survived by his second wife, Victoria van Moyland, and by two sons from his first marriage to Gilly Pratt.

THOMAS HARDY.

THE HEART BURIAL AT STINSFORD.

DORCHESTER, Jan. 16

The burial of Thomas Hardy's heart in Wessex this afternoon stirred the imagination by its unstrained simplicity. In such simple fashion might some mute, inglorious Hardy of Stinsford hamlet have been buried by neighbours and friends wishing to show their sense of the homely, endearing virtues of the man. There was no striving to suggest by any theatrical touches that the rustic gathering in the small, slanting graveyard of Stinsford Church, was conscious of mourning the unquestioned head of the art of letters in England, through whose brooding, poetical imagination a tract of rural England, with its people, its manners and traditions, and the loveliness of its landscape, had passed into literature.

It is probable that many who were there had heard only the rumour of Hardy's greatness and were unacquainted with his work. At a glance it could be seen that they were the simple folk — the dairymen, the ploughmen, the woodmen, their wives and daughters too — whose daily lives and whose dramas of love, jealousy, revenge, and disappointment Hardy had chronicled. They had come, as their talk showed, to mourn one of themselves. It was always in some simple context that their memories of him were to be found. He had been met with bicycling about the countryside in the full vigour of his maturity, or strolling in the serenity of old age along the trout stream which led through the meadows from Max Gate to the graveyard at Stinsford. And as he was one of the most compassionate of writers, so, it appeared from the talk one heard today, he was one of the most sympathetic of neighbours. The gathering included also some landowners and farmers, some townsmen from Dorchester and a very few mourners who motored across from the other side of the county. Those coming from a distance were brought into stirring and effortless contact with Hardy's work.

It is more permissible, perhaps, to find, apart from the close connection of the Hardy family and of Hardy himself with Stinsford, a special appropriateness in the burial of his heart there. Stinsford was the Mellstock of the novels, and it was at Mellstock that many of us first found the companionship of Hardy. Though the jolly carollings and country dances of Tranter Dewey and his folk were to lead us into the shadows with Tess and Henchard and Jude, it was right that the long, eventful journey should end, as it began, with the sound of lively voices in our ears. The mood of the landscape was equally gracious. The runlets in the meadows below the church were flashes of silver, and the sky was cloudless almost to the horizon.

The casket containing Hardy's heart rested on a small table placed on the altar steps, below it a spray of arum lilies from Mrs Hardy inscribed "To my darling, from his wife," and behind it, on the altar, a delicate arrangement of red and white poinsettias.

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End of the right to hide behind the small print

By Rodney Hobson

LEGAL changes affecting the quality of goods sold and the small print that businesses can impose on members of the public come into effect this year.

The Sale and Supply of Goods Act, which took force on January 3, protects all buyers of goods, whether trade or consumers. The old requirement that goods must merely be of merchantable quality has gone and a new test of whether the quality is satisfactory has been introduced.

Stephen Sidkin, a commercial law partner at Fox Williams, a City law firm, says: "It will be easier for buyers to reject unsatisfactory goods. The purchaser will have more time to look at goods before deciding whether to accept them or reject them. Parts of consignments can be rejected. A buyer will be able to keep the goods he is happy with and send back the faulty items."

Businesses ranging from railways to estate agents and from car parks to dry cleaners will lose the right to hide behind their small print under European Community legislation that will take effect on July 1.

Standard clauses in contracts signed by consumers will have no legal basis if the courts rule them to be unfair.

The regulations, which the EU wanted to be introduced across the Community by the end of last year, do not apply to commercial customers. Terms that are negotiated individually, however unfair, are not subject to the legislation. It is blanket rules that are imposed by a dominant party to a deal that are affected.

Of those, the most likely to go are non-transferable rail tickets, disclaimers for damage caused to vehicles in car parks and refusals by dry cleaners to replace shredded garments.

Theatres will probably have to accept responsibility for articles left in cloakrooms.

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"I'm afraid no one is here to take your call at the moment — everybody's taking an extended holiday in the sun"

Cool heads and hot air

By Alec Parrett

ANDREW THOMAS is very pleased that so many people enjoy seeing their money go up the chimney. Andrew, 31, and his wife Debbie, 28, are directors of Fireplace Warehouse, a company specialising in made-to-measure fireplaces from natural materials. The business, begun in Canterbury, Kent, in 1988, has flourished since surviving an early attack of cold feet suffered by its two original owners.

Then, an assortment of old fireplaces, bought for £1,200 from dealers in Wales, was in a large van bound for London when a change of mind made the embryonic businessmen stop at Bristol to seek a quick sale to recoup their outlay. A dealer there wanted the consignment unloaded for individual inspection before he bought, but Andrew and his partner demanded a sale on the spot, for £800. The deal could not be struck, and Fireplace Warehouse had its foundations, like it or not.

After a slack period, which saw Andrew applying unsuccessfully for his old job as an engineering officer with P&O in Dover, and his partner going to a "better-paid job" in the North Sea, prospects improved, even though recession was taking a firm hold. Money for expansion, and a newer van, came from a £5,000 Small Business Development Loan from NatWest.

Company turnover, £38,000 for the first 18 months of trading, grew to £225,000 in 1993-94, and £300,000-plus is expected for the year ending in June 1995. Andrew admits that during the bad times he wanted to sell half the business, but he is glad his prospective new partner cried off. "I would have felt uncomfortable being accountable to someone else, even if they had put in money," he says.

MALCOLM GANDERTON



For Andrew Thomas, doubts turned into a £300,000 turnover

Fireplace Warehouse employs three fitters, with another part-time, and a builder is on hand for special projects. Andrew and his wife now guide the business from an office in a hard-to-find, small industrial complex. Prospective customers have to walk through the display area to the office at the rear of the premises. Andrew thinks this important. "New customers tend to ask us for some very interesting variations when they see what is possible in stone, slate or marble," he says.

Fireplace Warehouse is now venturing across the Channel to Belgium and France. Farther afield, a businessman in Harare, Zimbabwe, wants a large derelict Victorian kitchen range from his home in Kent renovated and rebuilt this summer at his new residence in Nice. Andrew says: "That will be our busman's holiday. I'll take my wife."

Expansion at home will be helped by a franchise bought in November to enable the company to reline chimneys. Andrew also needs an office manager "to take off some of the pressure of long days and too many long evenings".

The company's rented headquarters could be replaced by an adjacent three-storey building, offering considerably more space with a floor that could be leased off. The new location would be easier to find than the present office, which is tucked away in "a sort of industrial mews".

Andrew says: "At least at the moment when customers find us, I know they are serious about spending money" — a luxury not always experienced by his off-the-shelf rivals in the high street. "There they are so handy that in winter their customers mostly go in just for a good warm," he says.

Reasons to be cheerful this year

By Rodney Hobson

SMALL businesses are feeling more confident than they were a year ago, and with good cause, according to two separate surveys.

Grant Thornton, the business adviser, says 70 per cent of small and medium sized firms are forecasting increased turnover in 1995 and 60 per cent expect higher profits.

This is a higher level of optimism than is found in the European Union as a whole, and markedly higher than in France and Germany, Grant Thornton says. It adds that small businesses also expect to spend more this year on training, advertising and new equipment.

Ian Peters, head of small business services at National Westminster Bank, says that in the last quarter of 1994 improvements were seen across all key indicators such as sales, employment and investment.

He says: "For most small businesses 1994 was a year that hailed promises of improvement which failed to materialise. However, a more positive climate was evident towards the end of the year and we are optimistic that this trend will continue into 1995."

Last year small business owners consistently reported lack of sales affecting business.

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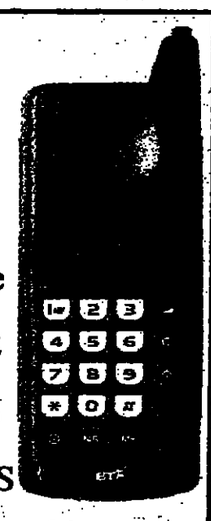
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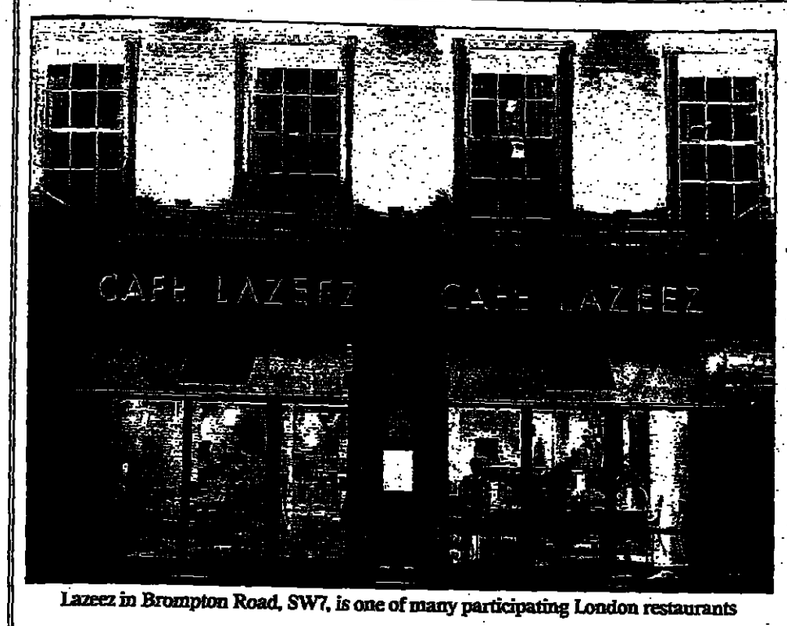
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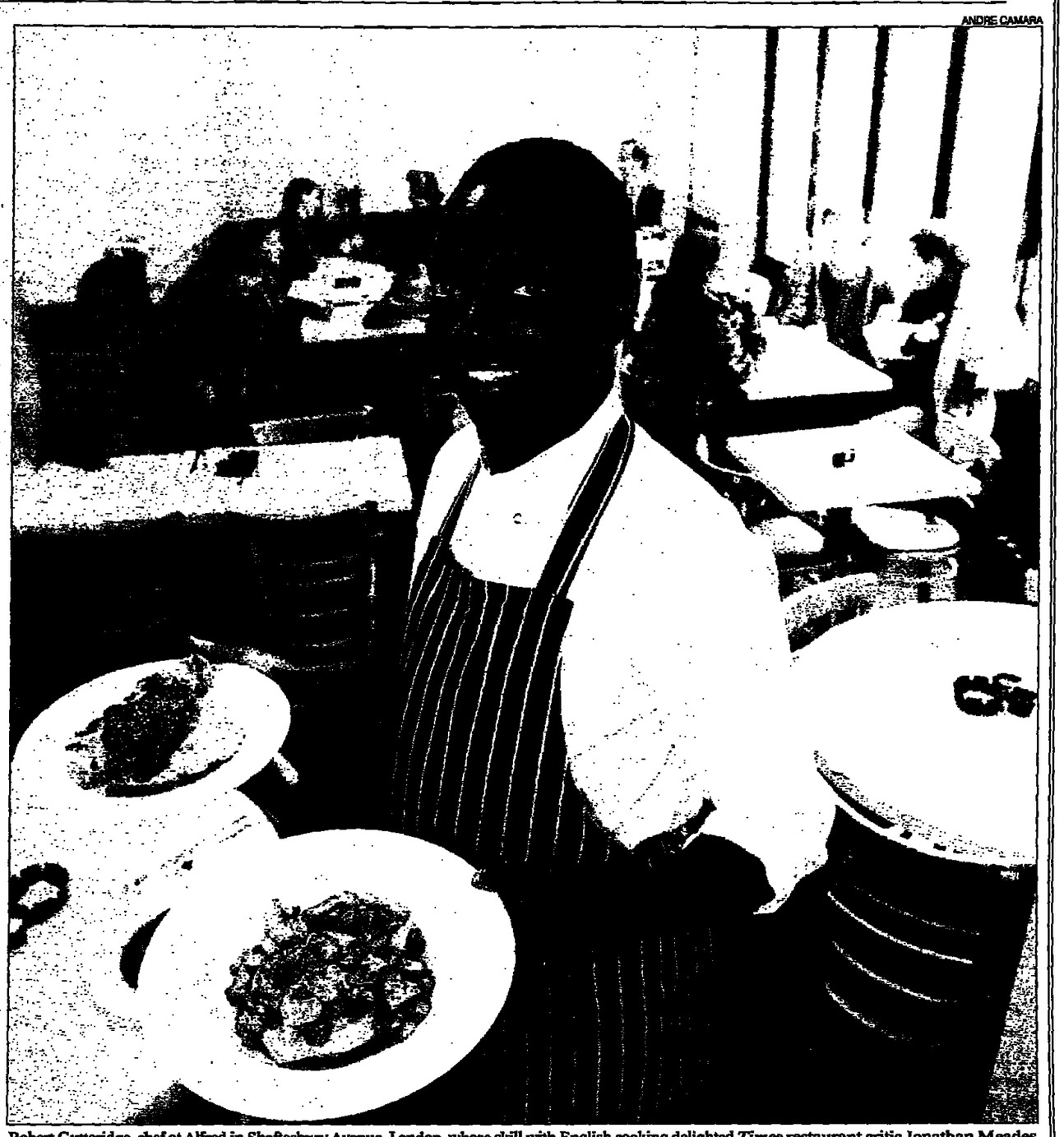
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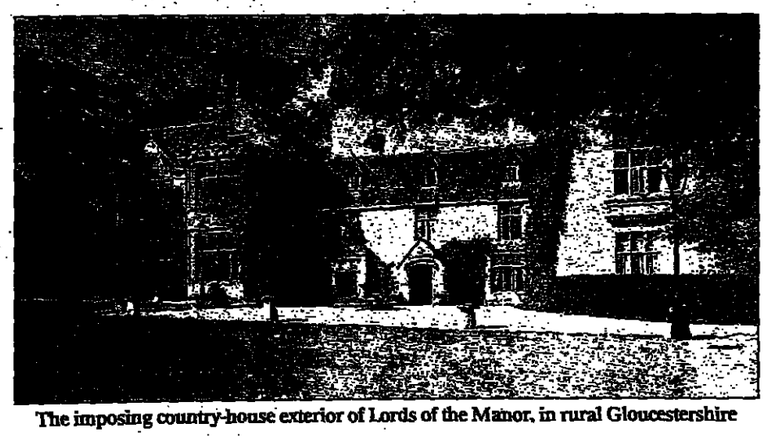
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Rail sell-off targets abandoned

■ The Government has been forced to abandon its financial targets for rail privatisation after warnings that they threatened to wreck the sale.

It emerged last night that Treasury demands that Railtrack achieve an eight per cent profit on the track and signalling equipment it owns have been swept aside after a pressure from Bob Horton, its chairman, and calculations by John Swift, the rail regulator ..... Pages 1, 2, 10

Russia calls summit to appease West

■ Russia has signalled that it wanted to repair its damaged relations with the West over Chechenia by inviting President Clinton to a summit meeting in Moscow this spring. But the White House, dismayed by Russia's savage campaign, declined to say whether Mr Clinton would accept .. Pages 1, 11

Top pay taskforce

The chairman of Marks & Spencer, Sir Richard Greenbury, is to lead a City taskforce to regulate executive salaries after the series of disputes over senior industrialists' pay ..... Page 1

Vaccine surplus

Nearly three million doses of the measles vaccine remain unused after the Government's campaign last autumn because of a blunder over how much would be needed ..... Page 8

Lorry turned back

A lorry taking 600 sheep to the docks at Brightlingsea, Essex, was turned back after a crowd of more than 1,000 animal rights protesters managed to overwhelm it ..... Page 1

EC emergency

Jacques Santer, the President-designate of the European Commission, has called an emergency meeting to discuss the European Parliament veto threat over the new commission ..... Page 13

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A young second lieutenant was subjected to "humiliating bullying" by fellow officers in the Royal Horse Artillery, the High Court was told ..... Page 3

Italian optimism

Financial markets soared as Lamberto Dini, named Prime Minister-designate last week, tried to put together Italy's 54th postwar Government ..... Page 13

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The stabbing to death of a therapist by a schizophrenic patient exposed fundamental flaws in the mental health laws, an independent report had said ..... Page 5

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Russia's bungled five-week incursion into Chechenia may have cost the Moscow Government a massive International Monetary Fund loan ..... Page 11

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Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber has agreed to pay the actress Faye Dunaway substantial compensation for dropping her from the American production of his musical *Sunset Boulevard* ..... Page 4

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Mexicans have reacted with a mixture of gratitude and anxiety to the offer of a financial rescue by the United States to save their struggling economy ..... Page 12

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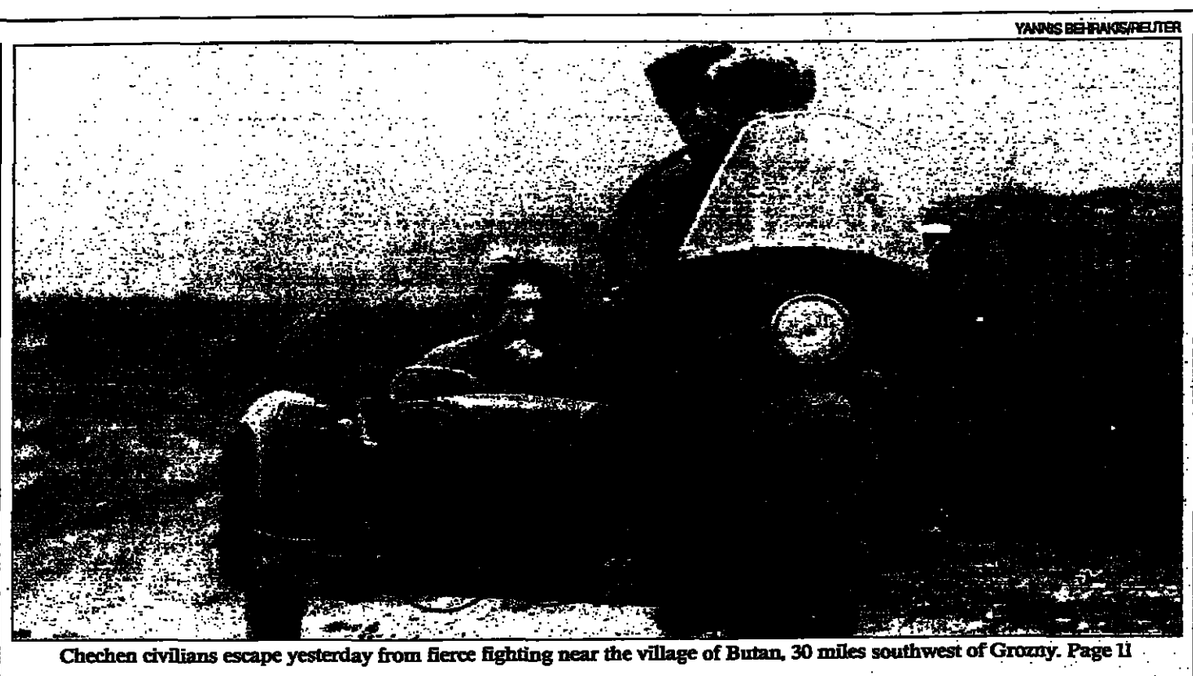
Peking migrants

The flow of unemployed Chinese peasants from the countryside to "villages" on the outskirt of Peking appears to be outside the control of the central authorities ..... Page 12

Rescued Reliant back on the road

■ Reliant, maker of the three-wheel cars made famous by BBC's *Only Fools and Horses*, has been saved by its next-door neighbours. The property developers decided that the company could not be allowed to die after the receivers were called, so they bought the site and leased it to a company which intends to turn the business around ..... Page 7

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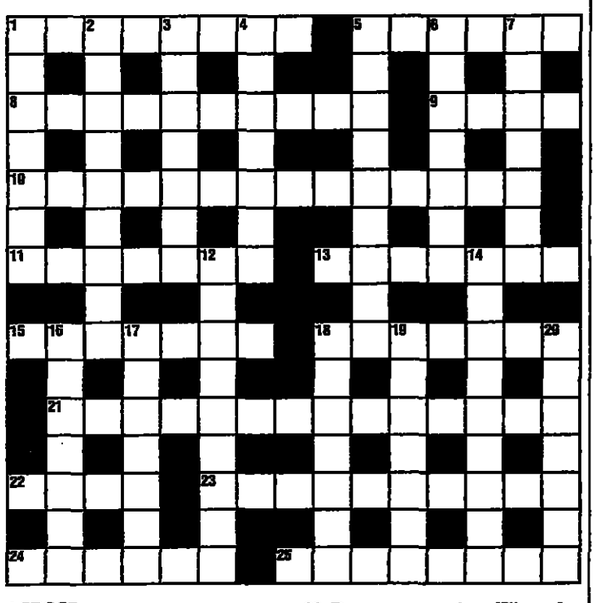
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Major-General W. M. Broomhall, who organised a celebrated wartime PoW camp escape attempt; **Richard Bonham Carter**, specialist in childhood heart disease; **W. H. Cornish**, former Metropolitan Police Receiver; **Lieutenant-Colonel Gerald Haythornthwaite**, conservationist ..... Page 19

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1 Ruse failed — sack is certain (4-4).
5 At home with wife who's in confinement (6).
8 Sucker may like this name in investment warrant (10).
9 Rainwear produced by plant (4).
10 Composer, having gravity, risks no mistakes (4,10).
11 Classify college leaver not top drawer (7).
13 Dramatised reconstruction made by interested group (7).
15 Emphasise the times are normal (7).
18 Early bishop repulsed Jew (7).
21 London stadium where England beat Norway once (8,6).
22 Letter from abroad for girl from the Marches (4).
23 Destroy monastic affiliate for holding perverted rite (10).
24 Press hack (6).
25 King returns to occupy country at last: the Restoration (8).

DOWN

1 Old chestnut? On the contrary (7).
2 Soldiers will copy sinner (9).
3 Plant, profuse over most of Thailand once (7).
4 Extremely rude, then Samuel expresses regret (7).
5 Being complicated makes it certain to come to grief (9).
6 Light going down for second attack (7).
7 A close call in the field (5-2).
12 Affectionate dispute requiring the judgment of Solomon? (3,2,4).
14 Intervene — at first, I'm on the spot (9).
16 Butcher carves one the guts (7).
17 Toad, say, found route hard to climb (7).
18 Eliot's Adam holds little boy in manner of doctor (7).
19 Crack regiment, surrounded, lines up missile (7).
20 Flare-up over the lines in a number of flats, maybe (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,753

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: London Weather Centre, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 0.42m; highest sunshine: Southend, Essex, 3.7hr.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.56 am — Sun sets: 4.24 pm

Moon sets: 7.46 am — Moon rises: 5.38 pm

Last quarter January 24
London 4.24 pm to 7.57 am
Bristol 4.33 pm to 8.07 am
Edinburgh 4.14 pm to 8.31 am
Manchester 4.23 pm to 8.15 am
Penzance 4.51 pm to 8.13 am

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FORECAST

☐ ***General:*** *Scotland will have wintry showers in the northwest and a bright frosty start elsewhere with gales and rain spreading from south. Northern Ireland will start bright but there will be gales and rain later. These will give way to clearer spells with showers.*

Southeast England will be cloudy with rain at times. Elsewhere will have clear intervals and frost in sheltered places. Rain and strong or gale force winds will spread from south.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia:** wet and windy start but it will be brighter for a time. Heavy rain and gales later. Wind southerly strong, increasing gale force. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Central S, Central N, SW, NW, E England, E, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Wales:** mostly dry at first with *bright or clear intervals. Rain quickly spreading from the south. Winds* southerly, becoming gale to severe gale force in places. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW, NW Scotland, Argyll, N Ireland:** clear or bright intervals at first. Frost in well sheltered parts readily clearing. Cloud and rain, heavy at times spreading from south. Frequent squally, wintry showers in evening. *Winds southerly severe gale force.* Max 6C (43F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, N E Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright intervals after early frost. Cloud and rain spreading from south in afternoon. Winds southerly, gale in places. Max 5C (41F).

☐ ***Outlook:*** *unsettled with rain.*

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; da=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.1	0.01	8	46	r
Anglesey	0.1	0.04	10	50	r
Aspatria	-	-	10	50	r
Aviemore	0.3	0.02	10	50	sh
Belfast	-	0.08	11	52	r
Birmingham	0.2	0.12	10	50	r
Bognor R	0.5	-	10	50	c
Bristol	-	0.15	11	52	c
Buxton	0.4	0.04	8	46	du
Cardiff	-	0.03	10	50	r
Clacton	2.1	-	9	48	b
Colwyn Bay	0.5	0.09	11	52	c
Cromer	0.2	-	11	52	c
Doncaster	-	0.02	11	52	c
Eastbourne	0.2	-	10	50	c
Edinburgh	0.3	0.01	11	52	sh
Eskdalemuir	-	0.16	7	45	r
Exmouth	-	-	11	52	c
Folkestone	2.2	-	10	50	b
Glasgow	-	0.24	11	52	r
Guernsey	-	-	11	52	c
Hayling I.	-	-	9	48	c
Hovel	-	-	9	48	du
Hunstanton	-	0.01	11	52	du
Isle of Man	-	-	11	52	r
Jersey	-	-	9	48	c
Kinloss	0.7	-	10	50	b
Leeds	-	0.07	11	52	c
Lerwick	-	0.22	8	43	r
Leuchars	-	0.02	10	50	r

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Littlehmptn	0.3	-	10	50	c
Liverpool	0.2	0.07	11	52	c
London	0.9	0.01	12	54	d
Manchester	0.1	0.08	11	52	c
Margate	-	X	-	11	52	c
Minehead	-	-	11	52	c
Morecambe	-	0.04	10	50	r
Newcastle	-	-	10	50	r
Nottingham	0.7	0.03	11	52	c
Oxford	-	0.01	10	50	c
Penzance	-	0.04	11	52	sh
Plymouth	-	0.02	10	50	r
Poole	-	-	11	52	c
Prestatyn	-	0.01	11	52	c
Ross-o-wye	-	-	10	50	c
Sandown	-	-	10	50	c
Saunin Snd	1.3	-	10	50	c
Scarboro'	-	0.09	9	48	c
Scilly Isles	-	-	10	50	c
Shanklin	-	-	10	50	c
Shrewsbury	0.4	0.02	11	52	c
Southend	3.7	0.01	10	50	b
Southport	-	0.04	10	50	du
Southsea	-	-	10	50	c
Stornoway	-	0.42	10	50	r
Tenby	-	0.25	10	50	r
Tiree	-	0.25	10	50	r
Torquay	-	-	11	52	c
Weymouth	-	-	10	50	c

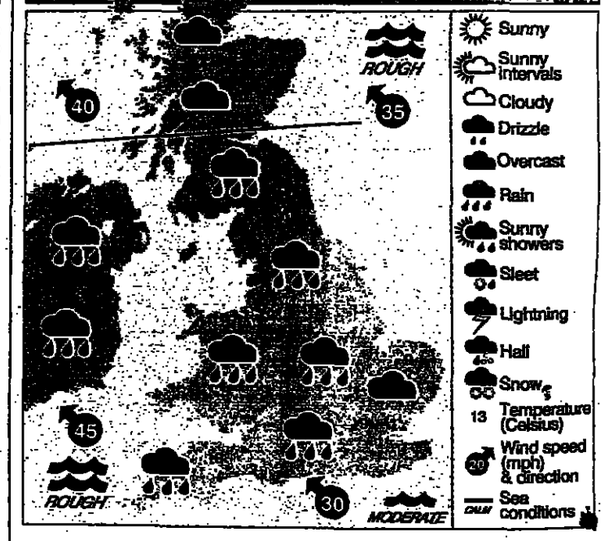
These are Sunday's figures

ABROAD

Ajaccio	12	54	f	C'phagn	3	37	d	Madrid	7	45	s
Akrotiri	14	57	f	Corfu	12	54	s	Majorca	13	55	f
Alex'dria	15	59	s	Dublin	3	37	r	Malaga	15	59	s
Algiers	14	57	s	Dubrovnik	11	52	s	Malta	12	54	c
Amst'dam	6	43	s	Faro	16	61	s	Malt'rne	19	66	c
Athens	7	45	c	Florence	11	52	s	Mexico C	18	64	s
Bahrain	19	66	s	Frankfurt	4	39	s	Miami	25	77	c
Bangkok	29	54	s	Funchal	16	61	r	Milan	5	41	s
Barbados	28	82	c	Geneva	0	32	s	Montreal	10	50	s
Barcelona	9	48	c	Gibraltar	14	57	f	Moscow	-8	18	f
Beirut	12	54	f	Helsinki	2	36	s	Munich	2	36	s
Belgrade	-2	28	f	Hong K	19	66	s	Nairobi	25	77	f
Berlin	5	41	s	Innsbruck	-3	27	s	Naples	10	50	s
Bermuda	22	72	s	Istanbul	2	36	sn	N Delhi	16	61	f
Biarritz	15	59	s	Jeddah	29	84	s	N York	17	63	c
Bordx	7	45	s	Jo'burg	23	73	f	Nice	11	52	s
Brussels	5	41	s	Karachi	23	73	s	Oslo	6	43	c
Budapst	-1	30	f	L.Palmas	20	68	s	Paris	2	36	c
B Aires	35	95	f	La Toust	6	43	f	Peking	4	39	s
Cairo	15	59	s	Lisbon	9	48	f	Perth	35	95	s
Cape Tn	27	81	s	Locarno	3	37	s	Reykjavik	-5	23	sn
Chicago	1	34	c	L.Angels	14	57	s	Rhodes	14	57	s
Ch'church	28	82	-	Luxembg	0	32	fg	Rio de J	29	84	s
Cologne	5	41	s	Luxor	16	61	s	Riyadh	23	73	s

Rome	9	48	s	Salzburg	3	37	s
S F'isco	11	52	c	Santiago	31	88	s
S Paulo	31	88	f	Seoul	3	37	s
Sing'por	31	88	f	Sk'holm	-2	28	c
Strasb'rg	1	34	c	Sydney	26	79	f
Tel Aviv	12	54	s	Tangier	18	61	f
Tenerife	19	66	s	Tokyo	7	45	s
Toronto	5	41	r	Tunis	10	50	c
Valencia	12	54	s	Vanc'ver	8	46	r
Venice	8	46	s	Vienna	1	34	s
Warsaw	1	34	c	Wash'ton	18	61	r
Wellington	20	68	s	Zurich	-3	27	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to chart below from noon: Low J will remain stationary to the south of Iceland and fill. Low R will run towards Ireland, then amalgamate with Low J



TIDE TIMES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1:53	6.66	2:13	6.76	Leith	2:47	5.23	3:08	5.42
Aberdeen	1:40	4.14	1:53	4.31	Liverpool	11:33	9.13	11:54	9.66
Avonmouth	7:25	12.60	7:47	12.46	Lowestoft	8:59	3.13	11:54	3.91
Belfast	11:20	3.47	11:40	3.15	Margate	0:01	4.58	0:27	5.47
Cardiff	7:12	11.46	7:33	11.25	Milford Haven	6:27	6.70	6:49	6.87
Devonport	5:57	5.36	6:21	5.16	Newquay	5:17	6.45	5:34	6.42
Dover	11:18	5.34	11:39	5.52	Oban	5:59	3.89	6.27	3.99
Dublin	–	–	0:01	4.02	Penzance	4:59	5.38	5:15	6.05
Falmouth	5:14	4.99	5:31	4.76	Portland	6:34	2.04	7:21	2.19
Glasgow	1:03	4.22	10:32	3.32	Portsmouth	11:31	4.56	11:55	4.69
Harwich	–	–	0:14	3.79	Shoreham	11:21	6.03	11:55	5.41
Holyhead	10:37	5.44	10:57	5.24	Southampton	11:01	4.51	11:25	4.69
Hull	6:34	6.82	6:45	7.24	Swansea	6:40	9.06	7:05	9.14
Ilfracombe	6:11	6.82	6:34	6.91	Tees	3:55	4.81	4:20	3.96
King's Lynn	6:28	6.11	6:42	6.28	W'ton-on-Nze	–	–	–	–

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THE TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — TUESDAY JANUARY 17 1995

Governor acts to allay rate fears

BY JANET BUSH AND PHILIP BASSETT

EDDIE GEORGE, Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday attempted to allay fears that the authorities are about to raise interest rates sharply but said those who argue that the economy is still sluggish are suffering from a misconception.

Talking to Scottish bankers, he said that he understood people who feared a sharp rise in interest rates but added: "On all the information available to us, there is, in our view, no reason to suppose that this need be the case."

He defended base rate rises in September and December, saying that the Bank was trying to moderate the rate of growth in the economy now, before inflation pressures break out. Mr George also told bankers that, in all honesty, he could not say whether or when policy would need to be tightened further.

He warned them, however, against exaggerating the weakness of consumer spending people are predicting because of higher taxes and low income growth, saying that spending was growing at about its trend rate.

Yesterday's figures for industrial costs and prices, as well as today's distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry, send ambiguous signals for interest rate policy.

The CBI survey of 15,000 outlets in retailing, wholesaling and the motor trade, showed that retail sales growth improved in December but retailers still said that the pace of sales growth is now expected to fall back.

Meanwhile, the Central Statistical Office reported a higher than expected rise in producer prices, suggesting that industry is becoming more successful at passing on higher costs of raw materials to their customers. Output prices rose by 0.7 per cent in December, giving an annual rise of 2.6 per cent compared with 2.5 per cent in November.

The Bank has repeatedly expressed concern about price pressures at the beginning of the production chain feeding through to the high street, and Mr George repeated those worries yesterday. At the same time, he played down expected weakness in the consumer sector, suggesting that he is likely to argue for another rate rise this spring.

Don Smith, economist at HSBC Markets, said the producer prices figures were only marginally disappointing but conceded that "at face value, this data adds more ammunition to Eddie George's arsenal and increases the risk of a near-term interest rate hike".

CBI leaders said their latest figures showed a more even than expected pattern of annual growth in high street sales in the run up to Christmas and the new year sales. A balance of 19 per cent of high street companies — those reporting a rise set against those registering a fall — saw an increase in their sales volumes in the year to December.

While this indicates a faster rate of growth than the balance of 6 per cent for the previous month, retailers expect it to fall back next month.

The largest rises in sales, which are still regarded as only average for the time of year, came in clothing and hardware shops, with mail order firms reporting strong growth.

Taking all three sectors together, overall sales volumes rose more quickly in the year to December than in the previous two months, with a balance of 33 per cent of all distributors reporting a rise in volumes, though again sales are expected to fall back in the 12 months to January.

Economists said that the rise in December producer prices was boosted by Budget increases in excise duties on tobacco, petrol and alcohol. But even excluding these, there was still an underlying rise of about 0.3 per cent.

Input prices rose by 0.4 per cent compared with a rise of 0.7 per cent in November.

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George Davies's latest baby

DOUG MARKE



Babies' day out: George Davies's latest range of babywear at Asda will soon be available in premature sizes and every piece sold will raise money for research by the Tommy's Campaign, the charity funding research into prematurity, miscarriage and stillbirth. The campaign, launched three years ago, has raised more than £2.5 million. Asda expects the range, modelled here by children of employees, to raise more than £40,000 for the charity. The collection, designed by Mr Davies's company for Asda, will be on sale for two months and for each garment sold, the store will give 50p to Tommy's. It will then be replaced by a spring range. The smallest sizes are for babies up to five and a half pounds and range up to 12 months. Before joining forces with Asda, Mr Davies built Next into a national network of stores and launched its Directory, but was then ousted from the company.

Saatchi board thrown a lifeline

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE embattled board of Saatchi & Saatchi, once the world's biggest advertising combine, were thrown a lifeline last night when a City fund manager that shares common ownership with its stockbroker emerged as holder of 13.6 per cent of the equity.

The news of the holding by PDFM, formerly Phillips & Drew Fund Management, lifted the shares 9p to 111p. It came as the Saatchi board met to decide a new name that would distance the group from Maurice Saatchi, founder and deposed chairman.

PDFM is owned by the Union Bank of Switzerland, also the ultimate owner of UBS, Saatchi's broker. PDFM said the holding was on behalf of investment clients.

The fund manager was thought to have built up the stake of almost 30 million shares by purchases from investors unnerved by the plunge in the share price since Mr Saatchi was ousted as chairman before Christmas.

There was speculation last night that Mr Saatchi, who was last week served a writ by the remaining board, will initiate a legal counter-claim today against the company for breach of contract.

Despite the announcement from PDFM, the shares are still well below their 150p level at the time of Mr Saatchi's ousting, and the improvement will do little to assuage the anger of American shareholders who are threatening a $150 million legal action over the losses they have suffered from the fall in the share price.

Saatchi & Saatchi said it would be reporting this morning on the board's deliberations. The company needs a chairman to replace Jeremy Sinclair, Mr Saatchi's immediate successor and one of three senior executives who quit over his forced departure.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3076.7	(+28.4)
Yield	4.19%	
FT-SE A All share	1522.47	(+10.88)
Nikkei	Closed	
New York:		
Dow Jones	3922.59	(+14.13)*
S&P Composite	468.71	(+2.74)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	unq	(5¹⁄₁₆%)
Long Bond	—	(96⁵⁄₃₂)
Yield	—	(7.79%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth interbank	6⁹⁄₁₆%	(6¹⁵⁄₁₆%)
Life long gilt future (Mar)	101¹⁵⁄₃₂	(101¹¹⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5695*	(1.5685)
London:		
$	1.5701	(1.5675)
DM	2.4046	(2.4062)
FFr	8.3100	(8.3160)
SFr	2.0152	(2.0229)
Yen	154.56	(154.76)
£ Index	79.3	(79.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5310*	(1.5345)
FFr	5.2940*	(5.2965)
SFr	1.2835*	(1.2880)
Yen	98.42*	(98.55)
$ Index	62.6	(62.7)

Tokyo close Yen closed

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar) $16.35 ($16.15)

GOLD

London close $377.75 ($378.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Water jobs go

South West Water will shed 400 jobs over the next 15 months and is to close a laboratory in Truro that monitors the quality of drinking water. More jobs will go if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission rules that a tight lid has to be kept on prices.
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Listing sought

Tomkins is to apply for a New York Stock Exchange quotation this year. Half of the group's sales come from the US but only 5 per cent of the shares are held there.
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Germany wants EBRD in Bonn

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

GERMANY, still smarting over its failure to secure the World Trade Organisation for Bonn, has now trained its sights on London's European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

With the bulk of the apparatus of government set to relocate to Berlin between 1998 and 2000, Bonn is faced with a huge surplus of office space. A spokesman for the German Finance Ministry said that the possibility of a formal demand was under consideration for the EBRD to be relocated to Bonn from its headquarters in the Broadgate complex. He underlined that no official proposal has been made.

Britain secured the EBRD after tough negotiations between the governments backing the bank, whose mandate is to foster the transition of the former Soviet bloc from command to market economics.

The Treasury declined to comment on the question of Germany's interest in having the EBRD. But the issue was raised by Jürgen Stark, a German Finance Ministry official at last week's session of the European Union's monetary committee. His remarks were not taken seriously at the time, but Bonn yesterday appeared to want to keep the issue alive.

Germany could argue that Bonn would be a cheaper location for the EBRD, but article 33 of the bank's statutes requires it to be located in London. Any change to this article would require the agreement of 75 per cent of the 59 shareholders and 80 per cent of the voting power of members.



Maitland: loan officer

Banker denies knowledge of Maxwell fraud

A BANKER with Crédit Suisse, one of the banks that lent money to Robert Maxwell, denied knowing that the loan was secured with pension fund assets (Lin Jenkins writes).

Julie Maitland, a loan officer with the bank, which arranged a £50 million short-term secured loan facility for Maxwell in 1990, told the High Court at Chichester Rents, Chancery Lane, that she was not lying when she said she could not recall seeing the ownership of share certificates offered as collateral. They had been delivered to her when the first loan of £10 million was drawn against the account.

Miss Maitland was giving evidence at the start of the 13th week of the case being brought by Maxwell Pensioners. MGN Pension Trustees Limited is seeking £52 million. Bishopsgate Investment Management Limited is seeking £28 million from Crédit Suisse for accepting pension fund assets as collateral against the loan knowing, or being negligent in not knowing, where they came from.

The case continues.

House of Fraser gives profit alert

BY SARAH BAGNALL

HOUSE OF FRASER, the recently floated department store group, yesterday gave warning that profits would fail to match expectations because the unusually mild weather in the run-up to Christmas had forced price cuts.

The group also announced the closure of Binns stores in South Shields and Bridlington and a Rackhams in Bradford at the cost of 467 full- and part-time jobs. The closures, with the closing of the Newcastle store, announced last August, will knock £2 million off current-year profits.

The news prompted analysts to cut profit forecasts for the year to January 31 and the shares slid 3p to 167p — well below last April's flotation price of 180p and 4p off the all-time low. Paul Morris, an analyst with Goldman Sachs, cut his forecast for profit before exceptionals from £44 million to £38 million. This, he said, reflected the erosion of margins, together with the company's higher than expected cost of offering incentives to promote its charge card.

The City was pleased with sales in the Christmas period — up 10 per cent in the six weeks to December 25. The last four months of the financial year provide about 90 per cent of annual profits of the group, which owns Dickens & Jones and Army & Navy stores. Richard Scott, finance director, said: "Ten per cent was better than we expected because November had been so slow."

☐ Allders, the department store and duty-free retailer, said that Christmas trade at the stores went well, with sales up 7.2 per cent in December. In the first 15 weeks of the group's financial year, like-for-like sales rose by 4.3 per cent. Department store sales were 5.8 per cent up in the 15 weeks to January 14, in spite of demanding trading conditions and flat sales at the flagship store in Croydon. The duty-free division's trading stayed buoyant.

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Judge rules on payment to names

LITIGATING Gooda Walker names moved a step closer to receiving part payment of their estimated £504 million court award yesterday when a High Court judge ruled the defendants' insurance cover would respond to such a payment (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Mr Justice Phillips' decision comes two weeks before the hearing of the Gooda Walker Action Group's application for an interim payment.

The judge also ruled that the insurance funds available to meet Lloyd's names' claims should be distributed on a "first come, first served" basis. This raises the prospect of the funds being exhausted before some later actions reach court. Total claims made by names top £3 billion compared with the estimated £1 billion of insurance available to meet them.

Furthermore, it was ruled that insurers are liable for interest on the losses. The negligence in the Gooda Walker case was also deemed to have been three separate events.

Cut in home-loan support attacked

BY ROBERT MILLER

HOUSE repossessions will rise next year if the Government refuses to rethink Budget proposals to cut home-loan support payments, mortgage lenders will warn Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, at a meeting today.

Andrew Longhurst, chairman of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, said yesterday that Mr Lilley had displayed "considerable ignorance" in his reasoning for the planned changes to the income support for mortgage payments system (ISMI) and an unwarranted belief that what he was proposing would ensure that "borrowers are adequately protected".

He added: "Mr Lilley's proposals are anything but cast-iron, and mortgage lenders have grave concern about his plans."

Mr Longhurst poured scorn on Mr Lilley's suggestion that private insurers would fill the void left by withdrawal of state aid. He added that such insurance would have substantial exclusions and would provide only limited cover.

He suggested that policies would cost an average of an extra £21 a month. "The Government's estimated savings of £200 million per annum may easily be matched by the extra costs in the social housing sector and by the damaged households that have gone through the pain of losing their homes," he said.

He concluded: "What is in question now is not simply Mr Lilley's record for achieving savings in departmental expenditure but also the Government's commitment to the policy of supporting home owners and home ownership . . . Perhaps he will recognise it when he loses their votes."

☐ The Halifax Building Society, the UK's largest lender, is expected finally to raise its variable mortgage rate this week. The market expects it to move to 8.50 per cent, from 8.10 per cent, in response to December's half-point base rate rise to 6.25 per cent.

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French press for 1997 monetary union deadline

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN BRUSSELS

IN A move bound to cause friction with Britain, the French presidency of the European Union yesterday underlined its commitment to 1997 as a starting date for the final stage for European Monetary Union.

The spectre of 1997 was rejected by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and is also opposed by Germany.

Two sides emerged yesterday, with the French backed by Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Belgian Prime Minister, who said that Europe's improving economy might make monetary union between some EU members possible by the end of next year. At the same time, John Major said that he would reject any damaging constitutional changes proposed at the EU's Inter-Governmental Conference in 1996.

Edmond Alphandéry, the French Economics Minister, who presided over the first meeting of European economics and ministers under the French presidency, expressed the hope that eight countries would be able to meet the Maastricht convergence criteria by the end of the next year. Under the treaty, stage three of EMU can begin in 1997 if a majority of EU members fulfil the criteria. If not, the third stage would begin in early 1999 among those countries willing and able to go ahead.

M Alphandéry said after the meeting: "1997 is not a date I would rule out. Personally, I would like to see a position that would allow eight countries to move ahead by 1997."

But Mr Clarke said: "I remain doubtful about the fastest possible timetable of 1997, and believe this is not possible." Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, is also sceptical about the date, a scepticism shared by the Bundesbank.

South West Water to shed 400 jobs

BY ERIC REGULY

SOUTH WEST WATER will shed 400 jobs over the next 15 months and said "at least" 200 more will disappear if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, in a ruling expected in March, keeps a tight lid on its prices.

The utility is taking a £30 million charge this financial year to pay for the restructuring. About half will fund the redundancies; the rest will cover equipment and property write-offs, including closure of a laboratory in Truro that monitors quality of drinking water.

Michael Reynolds, for South West, said substantial firings were inevitable, although voluntary redundancy packages would be offered. About 170 positions will be eliminated from operations, 130 from the central office and 100 from the engineering department. The cuts come on top of 100 jobs lost last year. South West will have about 1,600 employees when the programme is completed. Mr Reynolds said the redundancies are the result of an efficiency review that has just been completed. "This is not any sort of message to the MMC."

South West went to the MMC last year after Ian Byatt, the Director-General of Water Services, cut its "K factor," the amount above the retail prices index by which it was allowed to raise its water charges. South West's K was reduced from 11.5 per cent above inflation to 1.5 per cent in 1995-96, and 1 per cent each year after that until 2000.

Keith Court, South West's chairman, said the new price limits would cripple its capital expenditure programme. He said the company was in terrible shape before privatisation and needed the extra money to solve problems such as discoloured water.

He added: "Whatever the outcome of our current reference to the MMC, we must plan for a reduced annual capital expenditure programme and continue our quest for cost savings."

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ALAN WELLER



The toast is more rapid growth for Pelican's Roger Myers, chairman, and Karen Jones, managing director

Banks' fears resurface over environmental law

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BANKS' concerns that they may be made liable for pollution clean-up costs have resurfaced over "woolly" drafting of environmental law.

Legislation on the treatment of contaminated land reaches committee stage at the House of Lords today and is expected to reach the House of Commons by March. Officials are hoping the Bill will receive Royal Assent before the summer recess.

Bankers had initially welcomed government proposals published in a framework document last year. They were relieved that it had decided the act of lending did not open the lender to liability.

The BBA wants the Government to be clear about whether a bank could be defined as an "owner" if it holds land as security or whether it becomes the owner after repossessing that security.

Pension measure 'no help'

OFFICIAL measures to soften the blow to women who have to wait an extra five years for their state pension will not make them better off. Instead some could end up worse off, research published today shows (Sara McConnell writes).

The state pension age is due to be equalised at 65 between 2010 and 2020. Women who receive family credit or disability working allowance may count these as earnings for pensions purposes.

But research carried out for the Equal Opportunities Commission by the social policy research unit at the University of York concludes that these concessions will be of little or no benefit.

TUC urges new-style worker recognition

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

COMPANIES would have the option of negotiating new means of employee representation rather than implementing Brussels' requirements, trade union leaders said as they launched new proposals on legal rights to representation and recognition.

The Government criticised yesterday's proposals from the Trades Union Congress as unjust, but Labour welcomed them. The TUC said almost 10 million workers would benefit from its proposals, for union and non-union members, and claimed strong support for its plans, releasing details of specially commissioned poll findings showing "overwhelming" public backing for employees' representation.

The NOP telephone poll of 1,000 adults showed 93 per cent of them thought people at work should have the right to be represented by a union on pay, and 95 per cent on work conditions. Under the TUC's proposals, companies recognising unions should consult them, and non-union firms should be offered union recognition.

In the absence of an agreement, employee representatives would be elected by the workforce. A new public agency would be established to determine contested recognition.

John Monks, TUC General Secretary, said its proposals formed "a framework which most employers could live with", while Bill Morris, the TGWU leader, said if employers had the choice of having legislation imposed upon them from Brussels or reaching voluntarily "sensible and constructive" deals with unions tailored to their company, then for good commercial reasons most companies would choose the option of a freely negotiated deal.

TUC leaders denied their proposals amount to a "shopping list" for a forthcoming Labour government, though union leaders said they hoped a "friendly" future government would implement them.

Phillip Oppenheim, Employment Minister, attacked the proposals. He said: "To restore a statutory right to recognition, unless both parties agree, would be against the voluntarist approach. It would be unpopular with employers and fundamentally unjust."

Pelican's menu expands

BY SARAH BAGNALL

THE Pelican Group, which operates restaurants in Britain and America, plans aggressive expansion to create more than 700 jobs around Britain this year. It hopes to open 30 restaurants, further to the rapid growth over the past 18 months and helped by the acquisition in June of the Dome restaurant chain.

Roger Myers, chairman, said: "We now have 59 trading restaurants and the necessary management and resources to continue this expansion rate through 1995."

The news came as Pelican announced the payment of its first interim dividend of 0.5p, to be paid out of earnings of 1.6p a share, down from 1.95p last time because of a £20 million rights issue last year.

Pre-tax profits rose 40 per cent, from £960,000 to £1.35 million, in the six months to September 30, on the back of a 105 per cent leap in turnover from £6.7 million to £13.6 million. The shares remained unchanged at 82p.

Mr Myers said some of the Dome sites had been converted into Café Rouge restaurants. The performance had far exceeded expectations. Sales had increased by more than 100 per cent from their former levels.

The company intends to finance some of its new restaurants by up to £5 million through the enterprise investment scheme. Pelican will manage the restaurants and after five years is committed to buy them.

Sun Alliance inquires into private file lapse

BY ROBERT MILLER

SUN ALLIANCE, Britain's largest provider of household insurance, said yesterday that it was conducting an internal investigation into a security lapse that led to confidential information about policyholders being were sent to a private address in west London.

The Sun Alliance documents, which included details of policyholders' insured possessions and the security precautions that they had taken to protect their valuables, continued to arrive at the private address over several weeks. The confidential papers also show that Sun Alliance is paying some independent insurance brokers commission of up to 17 per cent, which consumers must pay in addition to policy premiums.

A Sun Alliance spokesman yesterday said: "It is a matter of regret that this security breach has happened, and, of course, we are investigating it. We believe that the name of an insurance broker was wrongly merged on the computer with a private address. We do not know at this stage how many policyholders are affected, but it is not more than six. Our commission rate of 17 per cent is well within the market parameters." He said that, contrary to some reports, Sun Alliance "does not appear to have any trace of us being informed about the misdirected letters until last Friday".

In 1993 the insurer reported £550 million premium income for home contents insurance.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Malaysian link for Branson's airline

RICHARD BRANSON yesterday signed a ten-year marketing deal with Malaysian Airlines that could boost the profits of his airline, Virgin Atlantic, by at least £8 million a year. Virgin, which broke even on its operations in the year to October and is on course for a "significant" profit this year, is entering a new form of route-sharing that it has pioneered, in which one airline effectively "buys" seats from another. Virgin's first scheme involved Delta, the US carrier, and has yet to receive government blessing.

The Malaysian arrangement is similar, except that Virgin does not have to pay in advance yet effectively block-books seats on the daily service between Heathrow and Kuala Lumpur and connecting flights throughout the Far East. Delta plans to book seats similarly on Virgin transatlantic services from Heathrow. "This is our first push into South East Asia and presents us with the chance of linking into other exotic destinations throughout the Far East," Mr Branson said. "If it is approved, it gets us a through service to Australia and on all the services we act as if we are one airline."

Bell seeks listing

BELL CABLEMEDIA, Britain's third-largest cable operator, is to seek a listing on the London Stock Exchange by the summer. An equity offering may accompany the listing. Bell, 14 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, floated on the over-the-counter market in America last July. It had planned to float in London as well, but found there was little investor interest in the cable sector. The group believes attitudes have changed and is exploring the idea of an equity offering. It is also looking for an investment adviser.

SFA expels managers

TWO investment managers have been expelled from the Securities and Futures Authority. Neil Campbell, a former director in the Bristol office of Albert E. Sharp, ran a pension fund and retirement benefit scheme and was found to have organised two loans to his own management consultancy company and pension fund. Stephen Ball, a settlements manager at Central Stockbrokers in Manchester, misappropriated securities belonging to the estate of a deceased client.

Unigate sells NCA

UNIGATE, the food and distribution services group, announced the sale of its National Car Auctions business to the senior management and funds advised by CIN Ven for an undisclosed sum. NCA, with its 215 employees, had sales of £8.8 million in the year to March 31. Ross Buckland, the Unigate chairman and chief executive, said: "This sale marks a final step in our departure from the motor business and is in line with our strategy of focusing more closely on our core businesses."

Eurocamp drives ahead

EUROCAMP, the holiday company, has seen a 10 per cent rise in bookings for the current year in the opening weeks. The company said it would benefit from the opening of the Channel Tunnel, which had driven down the price of taking cars on ferries and created additional interest in continental Europe as a holiday destination. In the year to October 31, pre-tax profits rose to £8.65 million (£6.25 million). Earnings rose to 22.4p a share (16.2p). The final dividend is 6.9p (6.3p), payable on April 21, making 10.5p for the year (9.75p).

Hammerson French buy

HAMMERSON, the UK property company, is spending Fr200 million (£24 million) on acquiring a half share in a company that owns 88 shops in Les Trois Fontaines, a shopping centre in Cergy-Pontoise, near Paris, at an investment yield of 8.2 per cent. The vendors, Finatis and Foncière Euris, have the right to sell the other 50 per cent to Hammerson in January 1997 for a further £24 million. Hammerson has now committed £135 million to the French property market over the past two months.

Mortgage deal for Leeds

LEEDS PERMANENT, the UK's fifth-largest building society, is to acquire London & Manchester's mortgage book, which has gross assets of £310 million, for £16 million. Completion of the L&M deal is scheduled for March 7, at which point the Leeds will refinance bank borrowings of £316 million and intra-group loans of £19 million relating to L&M subsidiaries. L&M, the life assurance and financial services group, said that it would use the proceeds from the sale to repay bank borrowings.

Carclo raises dividend

CARCLO ENGINEERING has lifted the interim dividend to 3.2p (1.9p) after pre-tax profits rose to £7.3 million (£5.2 million) in the half year to September 30. The increase reflects the first full contribution from Arthur Lee, an engineering company acquired in 1993. Earnings rose to 8.2p a share (6.9p), from which the dividend will be paid on March 9. Turnover from continuing operations increased to £76.2 million (£55.8 million). John Ewart, chairman, said orders in the last three months were up on the year-earlier period.

Black chief for gold mine

JCI, the Anglo-American subsidiary, has appointed the first black chairman of a gold mining company in South Africa. Khaya Ngqula, managing director of Norwich Unit Trust, will chair Lindum Reefs, a small gold mine in the JCI stable. His appointment is part of Anglo's ambitious strategy to sell off JCI's gold mining and industrial interests to black shareholders. As chairman of Lindum Reefs, a non-executive position, Mr Ngqula will closely monitor the unbundling and proposed black empowerment drive at JCI.

Revival at Robert Lowe

ROBERT H LOWE, the printing, packaging and sportswear company, has promised to restore dividend payments this year after returning to profit in the 12 months to October 31. Pre-tax profits were £782,000, recovering from a loss of £11.9 million previously when there was a £10 million charge against disposals. David Sebire, chairman, said he expected an improved performance from all divisions. The company was already enjoying lower interest payments. Earnings were 1.32p a share, compared with losses of 26.45p.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.17	2.00
Austria Sch	17.93	16.43
Belgium Fr	52.57	48.27
Canada $	2.314	2.154
Cyprus Cyp£	0.781	0.728
Denmark Kr	10.10	9.30
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.35
France Fr	8.78	8.11
Germany Dm	2.58	2.35
Greece Dr	395.00	370.00
Hong Kong $	12.78	11.78
Ireland Pt	1.08	0.98
Italy Lire	2623.00	2470.00
Japan Yen	168.50	152.50
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.951	2.621
Norway Kr	11.12	10.32
Portugal Esc	259.50	241.00
S Africa Rnd	nil	5.30
Spain Pta	215.50	201.50
Sweden Kr	12.53	11.53
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.96
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: On 9 January 1995 the above companies were placed in Members' Voluntary Liquidation and M Fishman, PO Box 68, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT was appointed Liquidator by the Members.
The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to M Fishman, PO Box 68, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 9 March 1995.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A(6) that on 9 May 1995 he intends to make a final distribution to creditors who have submitted claims by 9 March 1995 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The final return to creditors will be made without regard to the claim of any person in respect of a debt not already proved.
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M. FISHMAN
11.1.95
Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
HORNSEY & TOTTENHAM INVESTMENT & CO., LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Austin Scott Allayne FCA of Moore Rowland, 115 New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 0QT was appointed Liquidator of the said company by the members on 19 January 1995.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of February 1995 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts and claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned AUSTIN SCOTT ALLEYNE, Chartered Accountant, MOORES ROWLAND, 115 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 0QT, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts and claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
The notice is purely formal. All debts have or will be paid in full.
DATED this 10 day of January 1995
A S Allayne - Liquidator

INTROMANCE LIMITED
Registered Number: 2800532
Nature of Business: Personnel Trade Classification: 4b
Date of Appointment of Administrative Receiver: 6 January 1995
Name of person appointed: Receiver and Manager: Peter Neil Humphreys AND Stephen Paul Rubin
Address of Receiver: 94 of RUSSELL SQUARE, GROSVENOR STREET, LONDON W1X 3DF. Office Holder No: 6477 and 8291

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The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to Martin Fishman c/o Arthur Anderson, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT, by 9 March 1995.
The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rule 4.182A (6) that on 10 April 1995 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 9 March 1995 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors.
The companies are able to pay all of their known creditors in full.
M. FISHMAN
Liquidator
11.1.95

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
ROSE, THOMPSON, YOUNG (UNDERWRITING) LIMITED
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation
WE HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that we, Jacqueline Barbara Thompson and Richard Thomas Turner, Licensed Insolvency Practitioners, of Neville House, 245 Shoreditch, London EC2M 4PB, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 20 December 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to us at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debt in writing to us. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 11 January 1995
(J B Stephenson and R T Turner)
Joint Liquidators

CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
KEATED LIMITED PLC
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Notice is given that the final meeting of the creditors of the company will be held at No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 13 February 1995 at 10.30am to be followed at 10.45 am by the final meeting of shareholders.
The purpose of the meetings, which are called under the provisions of Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986, is to receive a statement showing the conduct of the liquidation and an explanation of it.
The Liquidator gives notice as required by Rules 4.186 and 11.7 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 there will be no further dividend paid to the creditors of the company.
AV Lomas
Liquidator
12 January 1995

DANA PERFUMES LIMITED
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, Lawrence J Baechr of Baehr Lubbock Fips, Russell Bedford House, City Forum, 250 City Road, London EC1V 2QQ, give notice that on 6 January 1995, I was appointed Liquidator by the resolutions of members.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 31 March 1995 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the nature and their addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to the undersigned Lawrence J Baehr of Russell Bedford House, City Forum, 250 City Road, London EC1V 2QQ, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
The notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated: 11 January 1995
Lawrence J Baehr
Liquidator

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
LOFTMISTEN LIMITED
IN CREDITORS
VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frances, Licenced Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frances Associates, Cundall House, 24 Cundall Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 9th January 1995.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frances at Cundall House, 24 Cundall Place, London W2 1EP.
I Frances - Liquidator

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UNI STOREBRAND INVESTMENT MANAGERS LIMITED
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UNI STOREBRAND FUNDS LIMITED
COMPANY NUMBER: 2561303
(ALL IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above companies intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith at KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 17 February 1995 which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.
Note: the companies are able to pay all their known creditors in full.
Dated: 10 January 1995
R Smith - Liquidator

AUBREY PARK HOTEL LTD
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF on 26 January 1995 at 2pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, not later than 12 noon on 24 January 1995.
For the purpose of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF before the meeting, statement of his particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it was assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00p.m. on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board,
ANANT RAISHERU
Director

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Notice is given that the final meeting of the creditors of the company will be held at No.1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 13 February 1995 at 10.00am to be followed at 10.15 am by the final meeting of shareholders.
The purpose of the meetings, which are called under the provisions of Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986, is to receive a statement showing the outcome of the liquidation and an explanation of it.
The Liquidator gives notice as required by Rules 4.186 and 11.7 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 there will be no further dividend paid to the creditors of the company.
AV Lomas
Liquidator
12 January 1995

NORDBANKEN ESTATES LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER 2301314
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rules 4.182A and 11.2 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that the Liquidator of the above company intends to make a distribution to the creditors. Creditors are required to submit full details of their claims and their names and addresses to the Liquidator, Roger Smith, KPMG Peat Marwick, PO Box 730, 20 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4PP on or before Friday 17 February 1995 which is the last day for proving claims. Notice is also given that the Liquidator proposes to make final distributions and that such distributions will be made without any regard to any claims not made by the date mentioned.
Note: the company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Dated: 10 January 1995
R Smith - Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Ralph Sutcliffe Fund for Meningitis Research
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for the charity. A copy of the draft Scheme may be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference SH-132686-CO(Lon1). Comments or representations should be made within one month from today.

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☐ The cost of clean water in Cornwall ☐ Select committee calls Ken to account ☐ Power pathfinder regulation poser

South West gets its hands dirty

☐ CLEANLINESS may be next to godliness but the bosses at South West Water — faced with consumers and politicians who are enraged by bills — have finally decided that a little dirt can be swept under the carpet if necessary and safely blamed on short-termist politicians.

Out on the Celtic fringe of Britain, South West Water consumers have benefited least from the financial devolution of their water and sewage utility. The company is caught between two vociferous lobbies. On one side there are the customers and their MPs who are understandably angry about some of the highest bills in the country, which have seen real increases of 11.5 per cent over the past three years. On the other are the chattering classes, alongside esoteric pressure groups such as Surfers Against Sewage, who spend their summer holidays in Cornwall and are demanding clean beaches for all.

Ofwat, the water regulator, came down squarely in favour of effluent and lower bills in its periodic review last summer, rejecting South West's aggressive pitch to rise prices 8 per cent ahead of inflation. Instead it cut the water company's proposed capital expenditure in half to £500 million.

South West's response yesterday demonstrates the brutal reality of such cutbacks. As well as the job cuts and the closure of a water testing laboratory, which should infuriate the environmental lobby, some 25,000 homes will still suffer brown water in their taps while another 500 will still find sewage swilling into their sinks during heavy rain. That is the bleak picture that the Monopolies and Mergers Commission must consider as it weighs up South West's appeal against Ofwat's clampdown. Yesterday's emotive cutbacks can only help the company in its attempt to have the straitjacket loosened slightly, particularly since they affect customers and not just fairweather visitors.

Ordinary customers are not, however, the only pressure group. Surfers may not pay water charges but are among the keenest critics of backsliding on clean-up schemes. Regulators can decree but that is not the end of the matter for a privatised industry. It would be no surprise if South West were again challenged privately in the courts.

Aside from headline environmental matters, the argument before the MMC will be about the company's ability to finance the majority of schemes that are still in its programme. It can certainly point to industry efficiency tests that show it was hard done by in Ofwat's rulings. A point or two on prices would make all the difference. But the company is not crying wolf and the commission's comparative justice cannot be taken for granted. Shareholders will inevitably bear some real pain, principally in dividends. This is already allowed for in the stock market, which, has awarded South West a significantly lower rating than its compatriots and the highest yield.

Grilling Clarke and George

☐ KENNETH CLARKE and Eddie George periodically have to turn up to be grilled by the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee, whose cross-party membership ranges from the informed to the eccentric.

Chancellor and Governor have to play their part in the democratic process but it is a



chore. Ken displays his slight irritation with the process by resorting to Treasury stock phrases and ignoring the real meaning of questions. Eddie, whose quiet voice is barely audible in the high-ceilinged committee room, answers with patience tinged with pain.

But these encounters are not unimportant and the committee often shows far more good sense in its reports than sometimes seems apparent in its questioning. Yesterday's offering put its finger on one of the more outlandish of the Treasury's Budget forecasts — namely investment. This is supposed to rise 10.75 per cent this year, having registered a measly 2 per cent gain in 1994. The committee notes some of the positive background features that the Treasury cites to justify its optimism — the large financial surplus and healthy profits of companies which have recovered well from the recession. However, it also makes the, again, entirely correct point that much of the investment already seen has gone abroad. A slew of reports from various parts of industry since the turn of the year have delivered the Chancellor a unanimous message that companies are frightened of investing their surpluses because of the prospect of higher interest rates.

The committee also did some useful straight talking on pre-election tax cuts. The report, written by Tories too, said that tax cuts would have to be taken for economic, not political, reasons and expressed hope that the Chancellor would practice the prudence he constantly preaches on this subject.

But the most welcome service performed by the committee was its request for clarification of the Government's Public Finance Initiative, the vehicle supposed to attract private money for public infrastructure projects. Was this, the committee asked, designed to supplement public spending or replace it?

Offer's electric disturbance

☐ THE pathfinder prospectus from the two electricity generators is going to be a curious document when it emerges blinking into the light of day on January 30, and the actions of the industry regulator are making it more curious by the day, even though Professor Stephen Littlechild, the Director-General of electricity supply, is not going to be offered the opportunity to contribute.

The warnings over the opposition's intentions for the power industry in general and National Power and PowerGen in particular have been well flagged by this column, and the weekend debate in the Labour ranks over renationalisation of the railways can only give added piquancy to whatever form of words the advisers to the float eventually come up with.

But it is the regulator's actions that must be arousing most concern at the Treasury, because Professor Littlechild now has not one but two enquiries running whose outcome will directly or indirectly affect the future of the gencos and the float.

He will, probably next week, publish his plans to allow the regional electricity companies, which have no shortage of funds to invest, to increase their involvement in generation. They are currently limited to producing 15 per cent of their power requirements. A relaxation of this limit would prompt the fear of significant new competition for the two generators, which is not what potential investors in the existing duopoly will want to hear.

Yesterday, meanwhile, he requested comment by February 10 on a parallel inquiry into the liberalisation of the supply market beyond 1998, when all consumers will be allowed to shop around for electricity.

This will, by indicating the size of that market, presumably have equally important implications for any regional companies that are planning to invest in generation.

Industry observers are beginning to wonder, not for the first time in his tenure, about the state of relations between Professor Littlechild and the Treasury.

Tomkins to apply for New York SE quote

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

TOMKINS, the conglomerate chaired by Greg Hutchings which takes in Smith & Wesson handguns and Ranks Hovis baking products, is to apply for a New York Stock Exchange quotation this year to reflect the rising proportion of its business done in the United States.

Mr Hutchings said that while about 50 per cent of sales come from the US, just 5 per cent of the shares are held there, in ADR form through the American Nasdaq market.

Tomkins was announcing interim profits that put the company on course for its fourteenth consecutive year of record profits. Pre-tax profits rose from £93.8 million to £114.5 million for the first half to October 29, ahead of market expectations.

The group, which in August promised a rise in dividends for the current financial year of not less than 15.2 per cent, is raising the interim dividend by 16.8 per cent to 2.43p, with shareholders being offered new shares in lieu of cash. The payment is out of earnings per share, fully diluted, that rose from 5.53p to 6.59p.

Mr Hutchings said the US companies were continuing to benefit from generally strong market conditions while in the UK recovery was continuing, albeit at a slower pace than in the US.

The group ended the half-year with £205 million in the bank, up £48 million from the level at the end of the last financial year. Mr Hutchings said the strong balance sheet would support an acquisition of £500 million to £700 million.



Hutchings: ready to buy

The last big purchase was Ranks Hovis McDougall, bought in 1992. He said: "Managerially we're ready for a big acquisition, and in terms of cash we're ready." But there was nothing firm in the company's sights.

Tomkins has, however, set its mind against following the example of other cash-rich quoted companies and buying back its own shares, he added.

The positive statement was not sufficient to allow Tomkins shares to hang on to early stock market gains. They ended all square at 230p.

Analysts hit Rémy Cointreau

SHARES in Rémy Cointreau, the French liqueurs and champagnes group, tumbled as analysts adjusted their views of this year's profits in the light of interim figures from the group and a falling dollar (Martin Waller writes).

Marc Hériard Dubreuil, joint managing director, said that increased sales to Far East countries such as China had meant that the proportion of group sales denominated in dollars had risen from 35 per cent to 40 per cent, while Cognac sales were down in key markets such as Japan, Taiwan and Germany.

As a result, Rémy Cointreau lost Fr70 million from foreign exchange movements in the first half, to September 30, cutting profits before exceptional items to Fr83.2 million, from Fr108.4 million.

Higher exceptional items of Fr52.2 million, from property and other sales, left pre-tax profits higher, at Fr135.4 million, against Fr122.5 million.

French analysts cut net profit estimates from Fr300 million to about Fr260 million. The shares fell Fr10 to Fr175 on the French bourse.

Littlechild challenge for RECs

BY ERIC REGULY

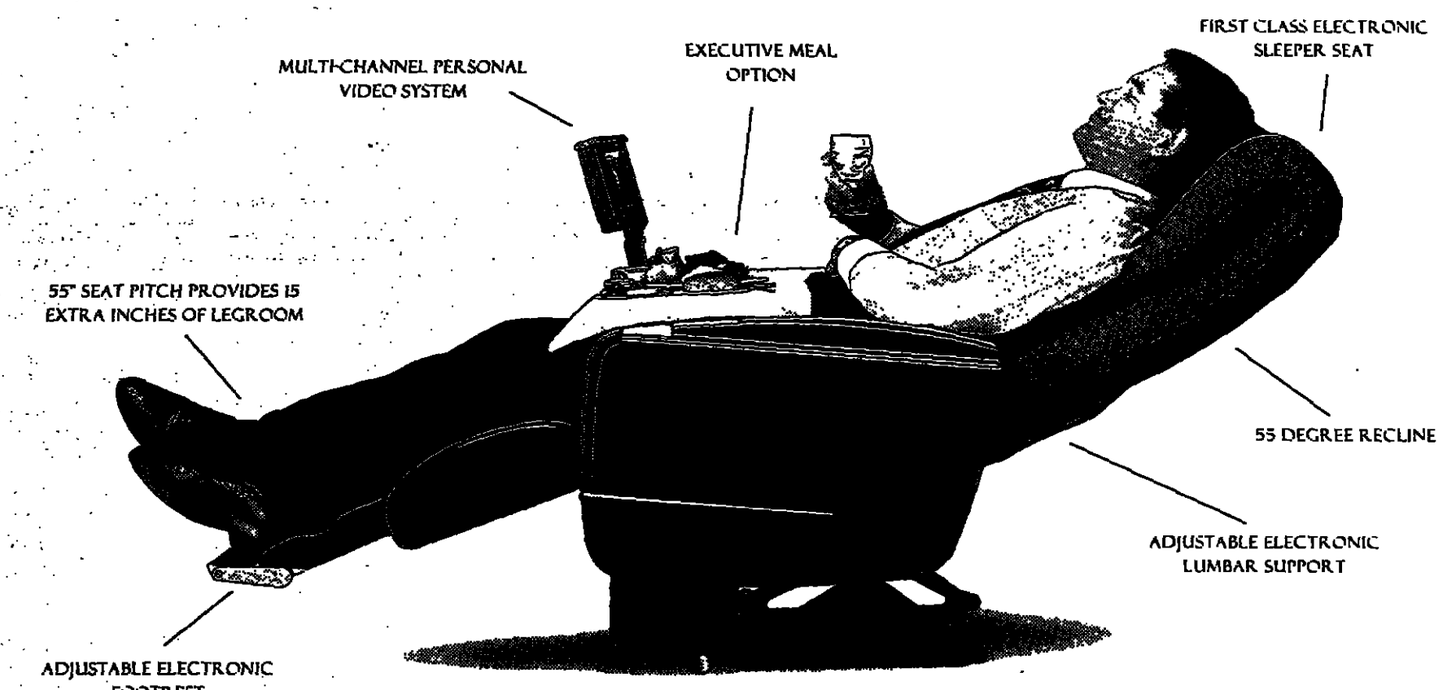
THE Director-General of Electricity Supply said yesterday that he wanted the electricity market opened up for competition on a test basis well before 1998, when more than 20 million customers will be able to choose suppliers (See Pennington, this page).

Stephen Littlechild has also set up an 11-member committee to monitor progress towards the free market and spot problems. The members range from consumer group officials to executives from the regional electricity companies.

Professor Littlechild hopes that the committee will prevent the disorder that characterised deregulation's first big step, last April, when customers with demands exceeding 100 kW were allowed to select their own suppliers. Some could not get their meters connected to the wholesale electricity market, known as the pool, in the last-minute rush.

Trials are expected next year within each electricity franchise area. They will test new half-hourly metering systems, which would allow the customer to switch to the cheapest supplier. The meter would be connected to a communications network, allowing it to be monitored remotely.

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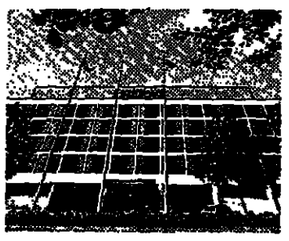
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STOCK MARKET | MICHAEL CLARK



Shares take heart from Wall Street's strength



Profits are thinner for Slimma's Stephen Thwaite

SHARE prices were squeezed sharply higher as London decided to take advantage of two consecutive days of strong gains on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average was making a concerted assault on the 4,000 level.

The FT-SE 100 Index *opened higher and appeared* to grow in confidence as the day wore on, shrugging aside news of a sharp rise in factory gate prices during December.

It closed at its best of the day after a rise of 28.4 points, to 3,076.7, as Wall Street extended its advance with further early gains for the Dow. But the rise lacked conviction, a fact reflected in thin turnover levels that saw 566 million shares change hands.

Early attention focused on those companies with an international flavour, supported by a resurgence in the fortunes of the ailing dollar.

Allied Domecq rose 8p to 540p, **BAT Industries** 10p to *460½p*, **ICI** *17p to 785p, and* **RMC Group** 14p to 965p. Even the **Rank Organisation** rallied 7p to 381p in the wake of last week's decision to sell *part of its holding* in Rank Xerox to the Xerox Corporation.

The overnight strength of the Hang Seng Index in Hong Kong boosted companies with close connections to the colony. **HSBC** rose 11p to 663p, **Standard Chartered** gained 9p at 260p and **Cable and Wireless** 11½p to 377½p.

Shares of **Berisford International** returned from suspension 45p higher at 273p after completion of the acquisition of Welbilt in the US. The rise in the share price will be particularly good news for Alan Bowkett, chief executive, who has an option on almost 1.5 million shares at 98p, which expires later this month. The option was only exercisable if the Berisford share price exceeded 201p.

Tesco firmed 3p to 243p before a trading statement expected sometime this week, possibly today. Trading conditions remain difficult, with margins under pressure. *Sales should show useful in*creases over Christmas.

Tomkins, the gun-toting baker with interests ranging from Mr Kiplings' cakes to *Smith & Wesson guns, held* steady at 230p after weighing in with better than expected half-year figures. Pre-tax profits in the first six months grew 22 per cent to £114.5 million.The group benefited from a strong performance by its US operations and the integration of its Ranks Hovis *McDougall subsidiary* was on schedule. Shareholders were rewarded with a 16.8 per cent rise in the interim payout to 2.43p.

Cadbury Schweppes slipped 1p to 413p amid mounting speculation that the group wants to mount a hostile bid for the US soft drinks group Dr Pepper in which it has a 25 per cent stake already. Talks about a merger last year were aborted.

Slimma, headed by Stephen Thwaite, chief executive, and which describes itself tactfully as the clothing manufacturer with expertise in the design and fit of mature ladies, fell 9p to 105p after reporting a drop in full-year pre-tax profits from £1.15 million to £1.02 million.

Saatchi & Saatchi managed *to claw back some its recent* losses with the help of Phillips & Drew Fund Management, which has taken advantage of the weakness in the share price to increase its holding in the company to almost 20 million, or 13.6 per cent.

Meanwhile, the battle between the Saatchi board and Maurice Saatchi, its founder, and the group of executive defectors continued to rage. The group is now considering a change of name to coincide with the departure of Maurice Saatchi.

One of the biggest casualties on the day was **Tadpole Technology**, the portable computer group, which tumbled 82p to 252p. It brought forward its annual meeting statement, prompted by the collapse in the price, warning *that losses in the first quarter* would be greater than expected. The group originally budgeted for a loss of £1.8 million but this has grown to £2.5 *million.*

Delays to the shipment programmes of new products were blamed. Tadpole, which has yet to make a profit, said it believed 1995 would be a pivotal year.

The picture emerging from the high street remains mixed. **Allders** firmed 4p to 213p after reporting a rise in sales during December of 7 per cent.

Sales overall were limited by the continued disruption to its Whitgift centre in Croydon. It was a different story for **House of Fraser**, down 3p at 167p, which warned that weak margins due to heavy discounting would have an adverse affect on results for the *current year. The group is* also planning to close three of its northern stores in April at a cost of £2 million. After a dull November, sales in the run-up to Christmas rose 10 per cent.

Robert Lowe, the sportswear group and printer that is under new management, stood out with a rise of 1½p to 11½p after returning to the black with full-year figures for the first time in five years. It recorded pre-tax profits of £782,000 against a loss of £11.8 million.

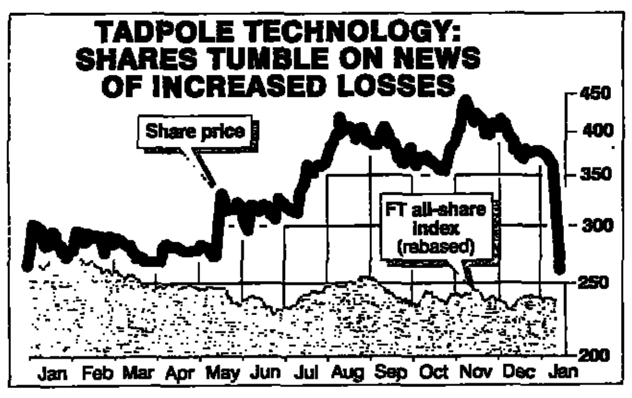
☐ **GILT EDGED:** Gilts traded in narrow limits for much of the day with both US and Japanese bond markets closed for national holidays. Investors were reluctant to open fresh positions before US Industrial Production figures and a welter of domestic economic news tomorrow.

In the futures pit, the March series of the Long Gilt finished just a tick lower at £101 5/16 as a modest 21,000 contracts were completed.

At the longer end of the conventional market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 slipped 5/32 to £103 23/32, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent *1999 was down* 1/16 at £103 1/8.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Rising hopes that the Federal Reserve would not tighten short-term interest rates at the end of the month bolstered share prices on Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average was 14.13 points higher at midday at 3,922.59.

Capital Radio jumped 9p to 368p as a line of 500,000 shares went through the market at about the 367p level. Capital has been a strong market of late, coming from 330p since Christmas amid claims that overseas investors have taken a shine to the group. There has been talk that the group is vulnerable to a bid.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3922.59 (+14.13)
S&P Composite .... 468.71 (+2.74)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7504.24 (+251.90)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 415.38 (+2.77)

Sydney:
AO .... 1879.1 (+20.3)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2085.64 (+30.02)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2107.39 (+26.66)

Brussels:
General .... 7127.32 (+23.61)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1872.81 (+18.83)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 643.70 (-0.40)

London:
FT 30 .... 2365.6 (+19.8)
FT 100 .... 3076.7 (+28.4)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3473.9 (+8.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1332.54 (+17.78)
FT A All-Share .... 1522.47 (+10.88)
FT Non Financials .... 1654.61 (+10.95)
FT Gold Mines .... 220.3 (-2.3)
FT Fixed Interest .... 109.25 (same)
FT Govt Secs .... 90.97 (-0.15)
Bargains 21244
SEAQ Volume 566.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 147.59 (-0.05)
US$ .... 1.5700 (+0.0007)
German Mark .... 2.3990 (-0.0060)
Exchange Index .... 79.3 (-0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.2672
£:SDR 1.0689
RPI .... 145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	99	...
BSkyB	254	+3
British Assets Gwth	62½	...
Caledonian Media Wts	5½	...
Clydeport	167	...
First Russ Front ($10)	590	+5
Gart Micro Uts (500)	508	...
Hill Hire	102	...
Investors Capital	87½	...
Invstrs Cap Inc An	37½	+1
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Lazard Birla Ida	53½	-¼
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	31½	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100)	85	...
Pentex Oil	105	...
RM (175)	206	...
TeleWest Coms (182)	171½	-1
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Units	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Hewitt n/p (68)	24	-6
Powell Duffryn n/p (440)	58	...
Trio n/p (25)	¼	...
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
HSBC .... 663p (+11p)
Nat West .... 491p (+10p)
SG Warburg .... 688p (+15p)
Whitbread .... 589p (+10p)
RMC Group .... 965p (+14p)
ICI .... 785p (+17p)
Danka Bus Systems ... 395p (+19p)
Capital Radio .... 368p (+9p)
Haynes Pub .... 358p (+15p)
Reed Int .... 768p (+9p)
Saatchi .... 111p (+9p)
Carclo Eng .... 276p (+11p)
Hadleigh .... 155p (+10p)
Eurocamp .... 270p (+18p)
FALLS:
Wassall .... 287p (-10p)
Tadpole Tech .... 252p (-82p)
Quarto .... 240p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Bread roll

TOMKINS is a company that shows no mortal weaknesses. Sales, margins and profits in all its *businesses trundle relentlessly upwards*, whether they make lawn mowers, windows or bread rolls. The financial performance in the first half was impeccable. Not only is the group benefitting from the economic recovery in America, which boosted operating profits in three of its disparate divisions by about 50 per cent, but the radical cutbacks in milling and baking is also having the desired effect. Cash generation was superb, and gives the company scope to fund a £700 million acquisition from its own resources.

Despite all these strengths, Tomkins' shares languish on a current-year forecast earnings multiple of 13. It is not easy to detect what the City dislikes about the group. There are a few financial niggles, such as the dislocation that Murray Ohio, the lawnmower business, will suffer when it is merged with Noma, the recent acquisition, this summer. This will restrain second-half earnings, but the effect is minor, given the overall forward momentum.

Tomkins is heavily out of fashion as a scattered conglomerate while popular companies are talking about critical mass and core businesses. *The market* also took exception to last year's boardroom reshuffle, which saw Greg Hutchings promoted into the chair in place of a non-executive chairman.

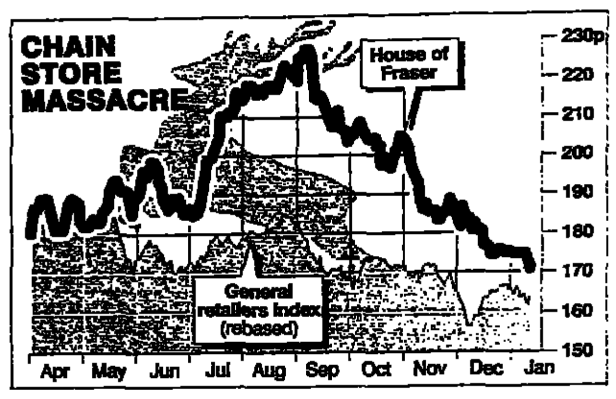
Unless Tomkins can find its way back into *favour*, the group may well be forced to use its own resources for acquisitions rather than issue low-rated paper. That is a final reason for the dampener on the share price. Investors sense that any re-rating would be swiftly followed by a big deal and a rights issue.

House of Fraser

FOR clothing retailers, this winter has been the one that got away, with piles of unsold overcoats now blocking the aisles. The warm weather is hitting all the chains but House of Fraser's department stores seem to be suffering more than most.

Poor sales growth in the first few months of the *second half spoilt attempts to* improve gross margins, while a weak start to sales of winter fashions led to aggressive discounting, with *shoppers offered price cuts* of 20 per cent on some items. That was enough to save HoF the embarassment of a loss of market share but the cost of the sales promotion has been at least a full point of gross margin: not a picture the company wants to present in its first year as a quoted company, particularly as its shares are 13p below the offer.

Part of HoF's problem is its low sales density. The closure of three stores with below average sales will help to improve margins. It is also investing in existing stores and claims strong *sales* growth in the refurbished buildings. Few would quibble with the investment but the question is how long HoF will take to bring its sales densities up to industry averages. *In a climate in* which even the strongest retailers are cutting prices, HoF is in a weak position. Unless shoppers come to the *rescue, the company* could have to finance more aggressive discounting in the spring.



BBA Group

BBA's acquisition of Terram yesterday came as a surprise to many in the market who thought that Bob Quarta, the chief executive, was only there to sell things and free the group from its long tail of underperforming businesses.

The business that BBA is buying looks even more surprising. Instead of adding to its main automotive components business, the group is expanding its non-woven textiles operations, which looked distinctly peripheral to the *outside observer, particularly* since it sold its fire-protection textile companies to Williams in November.

But non-woven textiles is an *important* element in Mr Quarta's blueprint for the new BBA. Reemay, the group's American business in the sector, generates a margin well into double digits from its specialist industrial products. Terram's filtration products will complement Reemay and provide a European arm. Nor was Terram expensive, since Exxon was so keen to sell. At £11 million, it comes on an exit p/e ratio of only eight since it already generates a 10 per cent operating margin, and it will enhance earnings immediately. BBA still has further disposals ahead. It does not look a long-term holder of either hard brake manufacturing, brake fluid distribution, or even some of the aerospace components businesses. But these will be balanced by acquisitions to fill out the more promising *businesses. Other areas that* look likely to grow are specialist electronics and aviation services, as well as the main friction materials manufacturing operations. The additional growth prospects can only enhance Mr Quarta's growing fan club.

Hanson

ONE of the grandest games in town is to try and guess Hanson's next acquisition. It is a mug's game, since Hanson has always found its deals where least expected.

But the group has just given a strong hint of its favourite business of the moment by giving a presentation on its chemicals division. Hanson is tickled pink by its acquisition of Quantum in 1993. It was timed to coincide with the bottom of the chemicals cycle and has already substantially enhanced earnings.

With reduced gearing, Hanson is once again in the market for acquisitions. *Due to the company's size, there* are few industries it can look at for an acquisition large enough to make a significant impact. The group would be unwise to expand in energy or aggregates where its interests are already substantial. But the world of chemicals offers wide scope for expansion, provided the right target comes along.

EDITED BY NEIL BENNETT

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	978-977	May	1032-1028
May	978-977	Jul	1042-1036
Jul	989-988	Sep	1051-1049
Sep	1000-998	Dec	1063-1061
Dec	1012-1011		
Mar	1022-1021		Volume: 4705

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2795-2785	Sep	2781-2770
Mar	2801-2800	Nov	2780-2750
May	2770-2765	Jan	2800-2750
Jul	2765-2762		Volume: 2583

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	352.0-49.5
Spot: 408.5		Dec	347.5-43.1
Mar	398.4-97.5	Mar	343.5-36.2
May	395.0-94.1	May	343.5-34.3
Aug	383.0-81.1		Volume: 2322

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	74.89	116.38	120.14
(+/-)	+1.55	-4.21	-2.07
Eng/Wales:	74.89	116.28	120.41
(+/-)	+1.55	-3.38	-1.91
(%)	-27.0	-30.0	-10.0
Scotland:	unq	116.87	118.86
(+/-)	...	-8.62	-2.55
(%)	...	-22.0	+42.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.35	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.50	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.35	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.75	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	17.70	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 160 (-1)	O: 162 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	143 (-1)	145 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Feb	143 (-1)	145 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Mar	146 (n/c)	148 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (n/c)	111 (n/c)
Naphtha	160 (n/c)	162 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Feb	141.50-41.75	May	146.00-46.25
Mar	143.75-44.00	Jun	146.50-46.75
Apr	145.25-45.50		Vol: 14584

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	16.35-16.36	May	16.20-16.22
Mar	16.31-16.32	Jun	16.14 BID
Apr	16.23-16.24		Vol: 47207

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	107.45	Jan	103.75
Mar	108.30	Mar	105.40
May	110.20	May	107.15
Jul	111.80	Sep	95.90
Sep	97.40	Nov	98.00
Volume: 278		Volume: 14	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	293.0	297.5
May	322.0	323.5
Jun	unq	...
		Volume: 131

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Feb 112.75-113.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2106	2085	2090
Feb 95	2112	2095	2095
Mar 95	2090	2090	2090
Apr 95	2075	2035	2055
Vol: 232 lots		Open interest: 3771	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2999.0-3000.0	2999.0-3000.0	1346150
Lead ($/tonne)	653.00-653.50	671.50-672.00	167975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1135.0-1136.0	1161.0-1162.0	196050
Tin ($/tonne)	6070.0-6071.0	6170.0-6175.0	16350
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	2037.0-2038.0	2070.0-2071.0	2173590
Nickel ($/tonne)	9485.0-9490.0	9680.0-9685.0	46470

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3086.0	3102.0	3080.0	3100.0	11426
Previous open interest: 60264	Jun 95	3101.0	3106.0	3101.0	3111.0	313
FT-SE 250	Mar 95				3500.0	0
Previous open interest: 3947	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.93	92.93	92.85	92.87	17226
Previous open interest: 404474	Jun 95	92.25	92.25	92.15	92.17	12839
	Sep 95	91.74	91.75	91.67	91.67	4578
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95				93.32	0
Previous open interest: 2146	Jun 95				92.64	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.64	94.64	94.60	94.61	22244
Previous open interest: 684074	Jun 95	94.23	94.23	94.17	94.19	21734
Long Gilt	Mar 95	101-08	101-11	101-02	101-10	21515
Previous open interest: 89567	Jun 95	101-10	101-10	101-08	101-12	114
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.45	108.54	108.40	108.54	446
	Jun 95				107.82	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	89.80	89.80	89.55	89.65	65584
Previous open interest: 193447	Jun 95	89.06	89.10	89.00	89.08	692
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.38	93.41	93.36	93.39	1242
Previous open interest: 21504	Jun 95	92.88	92.92	92.88	92.90	377
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.67	95.67	95.62	95.64	2703
Previous open interest: 39547	Jun 95	95.35	95.35	95.31	95.32	1358
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	99.40	100.05	99.25	99.71	40091
Previous open interest: 49761	Jun 95				98.86	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth 6⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅞; 3 mth: 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅝-6½	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	7-6⅞	7⅝-7½
Interbank:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	7-6⅞	7⅝-7½
Overnight: open 6¼, close 7.					
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6½	6¾	7⅜
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-6⅛	6½-6¼	6⅞-6¾	7⅝-7½
Dollar CDs:	5.68	n/a	5.94	6.52	7.21
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅜-6¼	6½-6⅜	7-6⅞	7⅝-7½

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Dec 30, 1994 Agreed rates Jan 25, 1995 to Feb 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.71 %. Reference rate Dec 1, 1994 to Dec 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.402 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5¼-5	5⅝-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅝-6½	5¼-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	5¼-4¼
French Franc:	5⅛-5	5⅛-5	5½-5⅜	6⅛-6	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3½	3⅞-3¾	4⅛-3⅞	4⅜-4¼	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2½-2⅜	2¼-1¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $376.00-378.40 Close: $377.50-378.00 High: $379.50-380.00 Low: $376.70-377.20 AM: $377.45 PM: $377.55
Krugerrand: $380.00-382.00 (£241.50-243.50)
Platinum: $412.75 (£262.90) Silver: $4.79 (£3.045) Palladium: $153.25 (£97.60)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 16	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6944-2.7059	2.6944-2.6958	¼-⅛pr	⅞-¾pr
Brussels	49.45-49.74	49.45-49.56	5-2pr	16-8pr
Copenhagen	9.4550-9.5060	9.4550-9.4700	¼pr-par	¾pr-par
Dublin	1.0140-1.0170	1.0140-1.0168	5-2pr	9-5pr
Frankfurt	2.4024-2.4135	2.4030-2.4062	¼-⅛pr	¾-⅝pr
Lisbon	247.91-249.16	247.91-248.55	84-95ds	252-279ds
Madrid	208.73-209.40	208.88-209.18	42-67ds	185-228ds
Milan	*2512.20-2522.10*	*2513.80-2517.10*	*6-7ds*	*16-19ds*
Montreal	2.2080-2.2190	2.2159-2.2190	16-0.24ds	0.32-0.45ds
New York	1.5680-1.5710	1.5696-1.5706	0.04-0.02pr	0.08-0.06pr
Oslo	10.4940-10.5500	10.4940-10.5090	¼-⅛pr	2¼-1¼pr
Paris	8.3030-8.3420	8.3030-8.3170	⅛-¼pr	1-¾pr
Stockholm	11.7090-11.7410	11.7170-11.7410	1¼-2¼ds	5¼-6¼ds
Tokyo	153.89-155.06	154.43-154.69	⅞-¾pr	1⅞-1¾pr
Vienna	16.88-17.00	16.88-16.92	1¼-½pr	6-3½pr
Zurich	2.0137-2.0303	2.0137-2.0167	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3176-1.3185
Austria	10.77-10.78
Belgium (Com)	*31.53-31.54*
Canada	1.4113-1.4118
Denmark	6.0300-6.0330
France	5.2945-5.2955
Germany	1.5304-1.5309
Hong Kong	7.7422-7.7432
Ireland	1.5522-1.5537
Italy	1600.5-1601.5
Japan	98.05-98.15
Malaysia	2.5537-2.5547
Netherlands	1.7163-1.7168
Norway	6.6916-6.6936
Portugal	158.30-158.40
Singapore	1.4483-1.4493
Spain	133.16-133.26
Sweden	7.4638-7.4738
Switzerland	1.2845-1.2855

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5694-1.5720
Australia dollar	2.0681-2.0708
Bahrain dinar	0.5845-0.5965
Brazil real*	1.3261-1.3302
Cyprus pound	0.735-0.745
Finland markka	7.3675-7.4835
Greece drachma	371.25-378.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.1514-12.1607
India rupee	48.71-49.67
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4635-0.4735
Malaysia ringgit	4.0098-4.0139
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4598-2.4628
Pakistan rupee	47.80 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.815-5.941
Singapore dollar	2.2740-2.2766
S Africa rand (fin)	6.5567-6.5924
S Africa rand (com)	5.5485-5.5509
U A E dirham	5.695-5.819

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	276	Legal & Gn	615
ASDA Gp	11,000	Lloyds Bk	2,200
Abbey Natl	3,200	MEPC	520
Alld Dom.	1,300	Marks Spr	2,400
Argyll Gp	3,500	NatWst Bk	3,800
Arjo Wiggn	2,800	Nat Power	3,200
AB Foods	503	Nth Wst W	452
BAA	1,500	P & O	1,800
BAT Inds	5,100	Pearson	1,100
BOC	424	PowerGen	1,700
BP	4,300	Prudential	2,800
BTR	6,500	RMC	171
BT	9,400	RTZ	5,500
Bk of Scot	613	Rank Org	4,100
Barclays	3,700	Reckitt Col	551
Bass	1,200	Redland	797
Blue Circle	2,600	Reed Intl	3,800
Boots	1,600	Rentokil	452
Bowater	936	Reuters	3,300
Brit Aero	1,400	Rolls Royce	1,100
Brit Airwys	2,700	Ryl Ins	2,700
Brit Gas	4,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200
Brit Steel	10,000	Sainsbury	3,400
Burmah Cstl	701	Schroders	15
Cable Wire	8,300	Scot & New	936
Cadbury	1,600	Scot Power	1,200
Caradon	2,400	Sears	5,500
Carlton Cms	1,100	Svrn Trent	454
Cm Union	2,800	Shell Trans	4,600
Courtaulds	1,100	Siebe	692
De La Rue	1,700	SmKl Bch	3,400
Eastern Elec	80	Smith Nph	3,400
Enterpr Oil	1,100	Sthern Elec	599
Forte	1,700	Std Chartd	4,000
GKN	616	Sun Allnce	3,400
GRE	2,500	TI Gp	561
GUS	1,300	TSB	1,900
Gen Acc	883	Tesco	1,700
Gen Elec	9,100	Thames W	434
Glaxo	4,900	Thrn EMI	498
Granada	*874*	Tomkins	5,800
Grand Met	5,300	Unilever	766
Guinness	3,600	Utd Bisc	846
HSBC	2,600	Vodafone	3,600
Hanson	6,600	Warburg (SG)	997
ICI	4,000	Wellcome	3,100
Inchcape	2,100	Whitbread	518
Kingfisher	1,500	Wlms Hld	895
Ladbroke	*4,900*	Wolseley	767
Land Secs	770	Zeneca	2,100

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Dom.	500	40	52½	60	0	5	11½
(*540)	550	1	20½	29½	11	22½	32½
Argyll	260	9½	19	26	1	6½	13
(*269)	280	0½	8½	15½	11½	16	24
ASDA	60	7	9	11	0	1	3
(*67)	70	0½	3½	5½	3½	5	7
Boots	460	34½	46	53½	0	5	12
(*494½)	500	1	20½	29	7	17½	29½
Br Airways	360	19½	34	42½	0	9	16½
(*379)	390	1	17½	26½	11	22½	31½
BP	420	3½	20½	29	2½	15½	22½
(*421½)	460	0	6	12½	38½	42	47
Br Steel	140	11½	16	20	0	3	5½
(*151)	160	0½	5½	9½	9	12½	15
C & W	360	17½	32½	40	0	10	16½
(*377½)	390	0½	17	24	13	24	31
CU	483	19	31½	—	0½	19	—
(*511½)	543	0	10	—	31½	51½	—
ICI	750	35½	51½	63½	0	20½	26½
(*785)	800	1	23½	39	16	47	52
Kingfishr	420	9	28	34	1	13½	25
(*428½)	460	0	11	16½	31½	38½	49
Land Sec	550	32	45½	52½	0½	6	15½
(*582)	600	0½	16	22½	20½	26	40½
M & S	390	7	22	27½	1	8	15½
(*396½)	420	0	8½	13	23½	27	33
Nat West	460	31½	42	50	0	12½	19
(*491½)	500	1	18½	30	9	32½	39½
Sainsbury	420	4½	22	29½	2	12½	22
(*422½)	460	0	8½	14½	37½	39	48
Shell	700	10½	27½	38½	1	21½	25½
(*709)	750	0	8	17½	41	56	59
Smkl Bch	460	12½	28	38	1	16½	23½
(*472½)	500	0	11	20½	27½	38½	46
Storehse	220	6½	15½	21	1	5½	11½
(*226)	240	0	7	11½	14	16½	22
Trafalgar	70	5	8½	10½	1	4	4
(*74)	80	0½	4	6	6½	9½	9½
Unilever	1150	33	62½	79½	0½	27½	39½
(*1182)	1200	1½	35	53	19	55½	65
Zeneca	850	44	60½	74	0	20	28½
(*893½)	900	3½	30	47	9½	44½	52½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	360	31½	43	49	1	6½	12
(*388)	390	11	24½	32	9½	17½	24
Ladbroke	160	15½	19	24	1½	6	8½
(*174)	180	3½	8½	14	9½	16	18½
Utd Bisc	300	25	30½	34½	1½	10½	13
(*322)	330	5½	13	19	12½	26½	29

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
BAA	475	5½	24½	—	2	14½	—
(*478½)	500	0	13	20	21½	28	34
Thames W	460	31½	45	52½	0	5½	16½
(*491½)	500	1½	20	29	9½	21	36
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	420	43	50½	54	1	10½	17½
(*459½)	460	12½	24	31½	11½	28	37
BTR	300	11	17	23	4½	13½	16½
(*305½)	330	1	6	10½	25	33½	36
Br Aero	448	14½	30	—	13½	27½	—
(*448)	487	3	14½	—	40½	52	—
Br Telcm	390	19½	30	38	3	9	15
(*405½)	420	2½	14	21½	17½	23	30
Cadbury	390	26½	32	39½	2	11	14
(*413)	420	7½	15½	24½	13	26½	29
Guinness	420	20½	29	39½	4	13	17
(*434½)	460	2½	10	17½	26½	36½	40
GEC	280	17½	26	30	1½	5	10
(*294½)	300	4½	14	16½	9	13	19½
Hanson	240	9½	14½	19	3½	8½	12½
(*245½)	260	1½	6	10	15½	20	24
LASMO	140	6	12	15	3½	8	9
(*142)	160	0½	4½	7	18	20½	21
Lucas	180	15	20½	25½	1½	6½	9
(*192½)	200	4	10	15½	10½	16	19
Pilkingtn	140	20½	24	27	0	1½	3½
(*159½)	160	5½	11	15	5	7½	11
Prudential	300	18½	24½	30	2½	11½	15½
(*315)	330	4½	9½	16	17½	29	32½
Redland	420	30	38½	45	3	17	23½
(*445)	460	6½	16½	24½	20	40	45½
R-Royce	160	10	15	18½	2	7	9½
(*167)	190	1½	6	10	13½	19	21
Tesco	240	8½	16	19	5	12	14
(*243)	260	1½	7	10½	18	24	26
Vodafone	200	7	14½	19	5½	10½	14
(*200)	217	1½	—	—	17½	—	—
Williams	330	9½	19	23½	7	17	19½
(*332)	360	1	7	11½	28½	37½	39½

FT-SE INDEX (*3075)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Jan	140	91½	47	13	3	1
Feb	164	123	86	56	33	18
Mar	176½	140	106	77	55	36½
Apr	201	164	135½	107	85½	62
Jun	—	193	—	134	—	90½
Puts						
Jan	1	1½	8½	25½	75	125
Feb	13½	23	37	58	87½	127
Mar	28½	42	59½	80	109	142
Apr	52	64	85	106	134	163
Jun	—	87	—	128	—	184½

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	420	25	31½	38	12½	18½	25
(*435)	460	6	14	20½	38½	42½	48
Amstrad	125	8½	13	—	4½	7½	—
(*129)	150	1	4	—	22½	24	—
Barclays	550	48½	57	66	8½	17	25½
(*588½)	600	18½	30	40½	32	41	49½
Blue Circ	280	17½	23½	29½	8	17½	22
(*286)	300	9	14½	20½	19	29	33½
Br Gas	300	20½	27	30½	5	11½	14½
(*313½)	330	5½	11½	16	19½	28	31
Dixons	200	10	16½	20	9	13½	18
(*202)	220	3	9	12	22½	25½	29½
Forte	240	16	21½	26	5	11	14
(*249)	260	6	12	16½	15½	22	24½
Hillsdwn	160	20½	22½	24½	1	5	7
(*178)	180	6½	10	13	7	14½	17
Lonrho	160	7	13½	17	8½	12	14½
(*160½)	180	1½	6	9	23	25	27
Sears	100	5½	8	9	3½	6½	7½
(*101)	110	1½	4	5	10	13	14
Thrn EMI	1000	53½	60½	91½	12½	24	39½
(*1031½)	1050	25	51½	62	34½	46	63½
Tomkins	220	14	22½	26	5	9	13½
(*230)	240	3½	12½	16½	15½	19½	24½
TSB	220	11½	17½	23	7½	13	15
(*226½)	240	3	9	14½	21	25	26½
Wellcome	650	34½	52	67	27½	40	51½
(*657½)	700	14	31½	46	59	69½	80½
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	650	38	55	71½	0	18½	27½
(*688)	700	2	27½	45	13½	42	51½
HSBC	650	14	39½	52½	2	32	42½
(*662)	700	0	18	31½	38	65	73
Reuter	430	20	31	41½	0½	12	15½
(*439½)	460	0½	14½	22½	21	33	37
	Series	Feb	May	Jul	Feb	May	Jul
Royal Ins	260	19	25	30	3	12	14½
(*274)	280	7½	15½	20	11½	22½	24½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	100	15	18	21	2½	6	7½
(*109½)	110	9	13½	16½	6½	11	12½
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastern Gp	700	49½	72½	89	5½	20	33
(*741)	750	17	43	60½	23½	41	56
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	39½	50½	56½	9½	15	19
(*489)	500	15½	27½	35	21½	33½	38
Scot Pwr	330	17	29	33	10	16	22
(*340)	360	5	16	19	28½	33	39

January 16, 1995 Tot: 35165 Call: 19117 Put: 16048 FT-SE Call: 7475 Put: 4121
*Underlying security price.

WALL STREET

	Jan 16 midday	Jan 13 close
AMP Inc	74¼	74¼
AMR Corp	58⅛	57⅝
AT & T	49⅝	49
Abbott Labs	31½	31¾
Advanced Micro	32	31½
Aetna Life	49⅝	49⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	16⅞	17
Air Prod & Chem	45	45
Albertsons	29⅞	30⅛
Alcan Alumnm	26⅛	26⅛
Alco Standard	66	64⅝
Allied Signal	36	35⅝
Alum Co of Am	88⅛	89⅝
Amax Gold Inc	5⅝	5⅝
Amerada Hess	44½	43⅞
Amer Brands	38⅝	37⅞
Amer El Power	34⅛	33⅞
Amer Express	30⅛	30
Amer Genl Corp	29⅜	29⅝
Amer Home Pr	63⅞	62⅝
Amer Intl	103⅞	102⅞
Amer Stores	26⅛	26⅞
Ameritech	41½	41¼
Amoco	58	57⅝
Anheuser-Busch	53⅜	52⅝
Apple Computer	45	44½
Archer Daniels	20⅝	20⅝
Armco	6⅝	6½
Armstrng Wrld	45	44⅝
Asarco	29⅝	29⅝
Ashland Oil	33	33
Atl Richfield	102⅞	102⅞
Auto Data Pro	61½	60⅝
Avery Dennison	35⅝	35⅝
Avon Products	58⅝	56⅝
Baker Hughes	16⅝	17⅛
Baltim Gas & El	23⅝	23
Banc One	28⅝	27⅝
BankAmerica	42⅝	42⅝
Bank of NY	31	30⅝
Bankers Tr NY	60⅝	58⅝
Barnett Banks	42⅝	41½
Bausch & Lomb	35	35
Baxter Intl	27⅝	27⅝
Becton Dicknsn	49⅝	49
Bell Atlantic	50⅝	49⅝
BellSouth	55⅝	54⅝
Black & Decker	24⅝	24
Block (H&R)	35⅝	35⅝
Boeing	48⅝	49⅝
Boise Cascade	30⅛	29⅝
Borden Inc	13	13
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	58⅝
Browning Ferris	29⅝	29⅞
Brunswick	20⅝	19⅝
Burlington Nthn	52⅝	51½
CBS	58⅝	57⅝
CNA Financial	67⅛	66⅝
CPC Intl	53⅝	53⅝
CSX	73⅜	72⅞
Campbell Soup	43	43⅝
Can Pacific	13⅝	13⅝
Cptl Cities ABC	85⅝	86⅝
Carolina Pwr	27⅛	27⅛
Caterpillar	56⅝	57
Central & SW	23⅝	23¼
Champion Intl	40⅝	40
Chase Manhat	35⅝	34⅝
Chemical Bk	39⅝	38⅝
Chevron Corp	44⅝	44½
Chrysler	52⅝	52⅝
Chubb Corp	80	79⅝
Cigna Corp	66⅞	67⅝
Citicorp	41½	40⅝
Clorox	56⅛	56
Coastal Corp	26⅝	26⅝
Coca Cola	50⅛	49⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	59⅝	60
Columbia Gas	23⅝	23⅝
Compaq Comp	43⅝	43⅝
Comp Ass Int	52⅝	52⅝
Conagra	31	31
Cons Edison	27⅛	27
Cons Nat Gas	34⅛	35
Cons Rail	55⅞	54⅝
Cooper Inds	36⅝	36⅝
Corning Inc	30⅛	30⅝
Crown Cork	39⅝	38⅝
Dana Corp	25⅛	25⅝
Dayton Hudson	70	69⅝
Deere	73	70⅛
Delta Air Lines	55⅞	53⅝
Deluxe Corp	27⅛	27⅛
Detroit Edison	27½	26⅞
Digital Equip	36½	35⅞
Dillard Dept St	27	26⅞
Disney (Walt)	47⅝	46⅝
Dominion Res	36½	35⅝
Donnelley (RR)	29⅝	29⅝
Dover Corp	56⅝	56½
Dow Chemical	69	67⅛
Dow Jones	32⅝	32
Dresser	18⅝	18⅝
Duke Power	38⅛	38⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	53⅝	53⅝
Du Pont	56⅝	56⅝
Eastman Kodak	48⅝	48⅝
Eaton Corp	52⅝	52
Emerson Elec	64⅝	63⅝
Engelhard Corp	24⅝	24⅝

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Enron Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Entergy	23⅝	22⅞
Ethyl Corp	10⅞	10⅞
Exxon	60⅛	60⅝
FMC Corp	58⅝	57⅝
FPL Group	35⅞	35⅝
Federal Express	61½	61
Fed Nat Mtge	72⅝	71½
First Chicago	48⅝	47⅝
First Interstate	73⅝	71½
First Union Rlty	7⅝	7⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	34⅞	34½
Fluor Corp	48	47⅝
Ford Motor	28⅝	28⅝
GTE Corp	31	30⅝
Gannett	51½	52
Gap Inc Del	31½	31
Gen Dynamics	43⅝	43⅛
Gen Electric	52⅝	52
Gen Mills	58	57⅝
Gen Motors	41½	42⅛
Gen Reinsurance	129⅝	127⅝
Gen Signal	34⅛	33⅝
Genuine Parts	37⅝	36⅞
Georgia Pac	77⅝	77⅝
Gillette	73⅝	73⅞
Glaxo ADR	20⅝	20⅛
Goodrich (BF)	44⅝	43⅝
Goodyear Tire	37⅝	37⅝
Grace (W&R)	40	40⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	19⅛	19⅝
Great Wstn Fin	17⅛	17
Halliburton	33⅝	33⅝
Harcourt General	34½	34½
Heinz (HJ)	39	39⅝
Hercules	121½	119⅝
Hershey Foods	49⅝	49⅝
Hewlett Packard	105⅝	103⅞
Hilton Hotels	64⅝	65⅝
Home Depot	47⅛	46⅝
Homestake Mng	16⅛	16⅝
Honeywell	34	33⅝
Household Intl	40⅝	40⅝
Houston Inds	36⅝	36⅝
Humana	24	23⅝
ITT Corp	90⅝	91½
Illinois Tool	43	42⅝
Illinova	21½	21½
INCO	29⅝	29⅝
Ingersoll Rand	33⅝	33
Inland Steel	34⅞	34⅝
Intel Corp	68⅛	68⅝
IBM	77⅝	76⅝
Intl Flav & Fr	47⅛	46⅝
Intl Paper	79⅝	79⅝
James River Va	21½	21½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54⅝	54⅛
Kellogg	58⅝	58⅝
Kerr-McGee	45⅝	45⅛
Kimberly-Clark	49	48⅝
Kmart	13⅛	13⅝
Knight-Ridder	54⅝	53⅝
Lilly (Eli)	64⅛	62⅝
Limited Inc	18⅛	17⅛
LIN Brdcstng	135⅝	134⅝
Lincoln Nat	35⅝	35⅝
Litton	35⅞	35⅞
Liz Claiborne	17⅛	17⅞
Lockheed	74⅝	74⅝
Louisiana Pac	29⅝	28⅞
MCI Comm	18⅞	18⅞
Marriott Int	29⅛	29⅝
Marsh & McLnn	78⅝	78⅝
Masco Corp	23⅝	23⅝
May Dept St	34½	34½
Maytag Corp	15½	14½
McDonalds	29⅝	28⅝
McDonnell D	47⅝	48
McGraw Hill	66⅝	65⅛
Mead Corp	54¼	53⅞
Medtronic	55⅞	54¼
Mellon Bk	35⅝	34⅞
Melville Corp	31½	32⅝
Merck Inc	38⅝	37⅞
Merrill Lynch	37⅛	38⅝
Minnesota Mine	52⅝	52
Mobil Corp	84⅛	83⅞
Monsanto	69⅝	70⅛
Morgan (JP)	60⅝	59⅝
Motorola Inc	62⅝	62⅝
Natl Medical	14	13⅝
Natl Semi	19⅛	20
Natl Service Ind	25⅝	25⅝
Navistar Int	17⅛	17⅝
NBD Bancorp	28⅛	28⅞
NY Times A	22⅝	22⅝
Newmont Mng	35⅝	36⅝
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	73	72⅝
NL Industries	12⅝	12⅝
Noram Energy	5⅛	5⅛
Nordstrom	43⅝	42⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	64½	63⅝
Nthn State Pwr	43⅝	44⅛
Norwest Corp	23⅝	23½
Nynex Corp	36⅛	36⅝
Occidental Pet	19⅝	19⅝
Ohio Edison	19⅝	19
Oracle Systems	41½	42⅝
Oryx Energy Co	12	12

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Owens Corning	31	31
PNC Financial	22⅞	21¼
PPG Industries	39⅝	39⅛
Paccar Inc	46⅞	46⅛
Pacificorp	18⅝	18⅝
Pac Enterprises	21½	21½
Pac Gas & Elect	25⅞	24⅝
Pac Telesis	28½	28⅝
Pall Corp	20	20
Panhandle East	19⅝	19⅝
Parker Hannifin	46⅝	46⅝
Peco Energy	25⅝	24⅝
Penney (JC)	42	41⅞
Pennzoil	43⅝	42⅛
Pepsico	34⅝	34⅛
Pfizer	76⅝	76⅛
Phelps Dodge	62⅝	62⅞
Philip Morris	57½	57⅛
Phillips Pet	30⅛	30⅝
Pitney Bowes	32⅛	31½
Polaroid	30⅝	30⅝
PriceCostco	12⅝	12⅝
Procter & Gmbl	63⅝	63⅝
Providian	34½	33⅝
Pub Serv E & G	27⅛	26⅝
Quaker Oats	33⅝	36⅛
Ralston Purina	44⅝	44½
Raychem Corp	34⅞	35⅛
Raytheon	65⅝	65⅞
Reebok Intl	37⅝	37⅝
Reynolds Metals	54⅛	53⅞
Roadway Srvcs	55	55⅞
Rockwell Intl	37½	36⅞
Rohm & Haas	58	58⅝
Royal Dutch	109⅞	109⅝
Rubbermaid	28⅛	28⅝
Safeco Corp	51½	51½
St Paul's Cos	45⅝	44⅛
Salomon Inc	38	37⅝
Santa Fe Pac	17⅝	11½
Sara Lee Corp	25⅝	25⅝
Scecorp	15	15
Schering Plough	73⅝	72⅝
Schlumberger	50⅝	50⅝
Scott Paper	71½	71½
Seagram	29⅛	29⅝
Sears Roebuck	47⅛	47⅝
Shell Trans	66½	66
Sherwin Wlms	32⅝	32⅝
Skyline Corp	18⅝	18
Snap-On-Tools	32⅝	33⅝
Southern Co	20⅝	20⅞
Stwestern Bell	40⅝	40⅝
Sprint Corp	27⅛	26⅞
Stanley Works	39⅞	39⅝
Sun Company	29⅝	29⅞
Sun Microsys	35⅝	35⅝
Suntrust	49⅝	48⅝
Supervalu	23⅞	22⅝
Sysco Corp	26⅛	25⅝
TRW Inc	65⅝	65⅝
TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Tandem Comp	18⅝	18⅞
Tandy Corp	49⅝	49⅝
Teledyne	21½	21½
Temple Inland	50⅝	50
Tenneco	44⅝	43⅝
Texaco	60⅝	60⅞
Texas Inst	75⅝	75⅞
Texas Utilities	33⅝	33⅝
Textron	49⅝	49⅝
Time Warner	35⅞	35⅝
Times-Mirror	32⅛	31½
Timken	34⅝	34⅛
Torchmark	37⅛	36⅝
Toys R Us	30⅝	30
Transamerica	51½	51¼
Travelers	35⅝	35
Tribune	53⅝	53⅝
Tyco Labs	46⅛	46⅝
UST Inc	28⅝	28⅝
UAL	96⅝	95⅝
USX Marathon	16½	16⅝
Unicom	25	24⅝
Unilever NV	118⅝	118⅛
Union Camp	49⅝	49⅛
Union Carbide	28⅝	29⅝
Union Pacific	48⅝	49
Unisys Corp	9⅝	9⅝
USAIR Group	4⅛	4⅛
USF&G Corp	14½	14⅞
US Life	36⅛	35⅞
US West	36⅝	36
United Tech	65⅛	63⅝
Unocal Corp	25⅞	26⅝
Upjohn	30⅝	30⅛
VF Corp	49	48⅝
WMX Tech	27⅝	27⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	21½	22
Warner-Lambert	74⅝	74⅝
Wells Fargo	154⅝	152
Westinghouse El	13⅝	13⅝
Weyerhaeuser	40⅝	41
Whirlpool	50⅞	50⅝
Whitman	16½	16
Winn Dixie	52	52⅝
Woolworth	16	16
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	47	46⅝
Xerox	105⅝	105⅝
Yellow Corp	22⅝	22⅝

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Consuming problem

COULD IT be the collapse of communism in Europe that has emboldened the International Organisation of Consumers Unions, whose HQ is in London, to change its name to *Consumers International*? Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister for Overseas Development, launches the sleeker, more consumer-friendly name at the official opening of the organisation's new premises in Highbury next Monday. With 203 member associations in 80 countries, and the world consumer movement growing apace, the old HQ at the Angel, Islington, had clearly become too cramped.

Real gold mine

THE Gwyfynydd gold mine at Dolgellau in the Snowdonia National Park is about to list its shares under Rule 4.2, supervised by the Department of Trade and Industry. The Welsh mine, opened in 1863, is the only working gold mine in Britain. Given that its gold, known to the Romans, carries a Celtic premium, flotation could hardly be called a rushed job.

Ship ahoy

FANCY trading your dreary landlubber existence in the City for something excitingly maritime hard by? The Temple Pier Company of Faversham, Kent, is offering an elegant, licensed vessel, built in 1927 as a survey ship for the Port of London Authority, for around £1 million. The *St Katharine*, moored on the Thames across the road from Temple tube station, has 5,500 sq ft of inboard space plus ample deck. The owners tell me that she seats about 100 and would be a perfect fish restaurant. With water quality in the river much improved, one might even include a catch-your-own facility.



"That's real bread"

Late entrant

AMID talk of a "fourth man" entering the race for the top job at the World Trade Organisation, András Szepesi, the Hungarian envoy in charge of the hunt, is, I hear, intensifying his efforts to resolve the leadership issue. Peter Sutherland, who agreed to head the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva temporarily until mid-March, clearly wants to see more of his family — in Dublin. Medico's statement that it is not payrolling the campaign of Carlos Salinas de Gortári, its former President, for the post, has lowered his chances. That leaves Renato Ruggiero, the former Italian Trade Minister, in the running as the European Union's man, with Kim Chul-Su, the ex-South Korean Trade Minister, as Asia's contender. The snag about the possible candidacy of Philip Burdon, the New Zealand Minister for Trade and Commerce Negotiations and the "fourth man" on everyone's lips (or for possible "fifth" and "sixth" men) is that the deadline for applying to be WTO Director-General was last July.

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North leads way in the battle to produce jobs

Philip Bassett looks at the pattern of low unemployment

When the Government announces its latest job figures tomorrow, they will mark a milestone in Britain's economic recovery. Unemployment began to fall two years ago, and ministers will claim the anniversary as testament to the success of the Government's policies.

In advance of such a progress point, *The Times* today publishes details of the top 25 low unemployment areas of Britain. All are parts of the country where unemployment is at least half the national average, and some less than a third of it. Using figures held on government computers, *The Times* also publishes Britain's unemployment blackspots — the "travel-to-work areas", as the Department of Employment defines them, which have the highest unemployment rates in the country. (Northern Ireland is excluded from both lists).

Most startling about the top 25 is the geographic pattern: 15 lie north of a line from the Mersey to the Humber — not the areas traditionally associated with low unemployment. Indeed, of the top ten, six are within a relatively small area in the North West, broadly around the Lake District.

Phillip Oppenheim, Employment Minister, points out that northern areas were less hard hit by the heavily service-based recession than some parts of the south, while Professor David Sapford, of the economics department of Lancaster University, says: "The North has adjusted more adequately to the downturn than the South has done. Many of these towns, like Kendal, Penrith and Windermere — they are very prosperous areas, if you look at the real economy per head."

Take the town with the lowest unemployment in the country, on the edge of this cluster, Clitheroe, in Lancashire. For those wedded to music-hall northern stereotypes of clogs and cloth caps, the very name of the town sounds like a joke. The reality of this pretty town, populaton about 15,000, and 2.3 per cent unemployment, could hardly be more different: at the heart of the Ribble Valley, it is affluent, strongly owner-occupied, and solidly middle-class.

But despite its commuter base, which heads out of the town each morning for Blackburn and Burnley in the next valley, and even as far afield as Manchester and Merseyside, the town has its industrial core: companies such as 3M, ICI and Tarmac have plants in Clitheroe. Martin Hill, works manager of ICI's factory, which makes catalysts for the company's chemical processes worldwide, emphasises the importance of the industrial mix of the area: "There is such a wide variety of jobs, both manufacturing and services." He employs 150 at the plant, and underlines, too, the stability of his own and the local workforce as important to its jobs record.

Castle Cement, in Clitheroe since 1935, employs 400, although it lost 100 in 1992 in the depths of the recession. Peter del Strother, its works manager, underlines the important social factors of good schools and high quality of life — although he says that the high cost of housing in the town, compared with surrounding areas, is a concern for jobs and prospeity in the future. With very low unemployment, both companies accept their pay rates are above average.

Business leaders in the area also acknowledge the impact of a vigorous local authority. Stewart Bailey, of the local economic department of Ribble Valley Borough Council — with the largest area and smallest population of any in Lancashire — agrees that the council tries to smooth the path for companies coming into the area in order to boost the economy and increase jobs.

Sue Bibby, manager of the JobCentre, describes the local labour market as "buoyant". She says long-term unemployment in the town is low, at about 30 per cent of the jobless, and while many local firms have little labour turnover, when a job does come in to the centre, in a small town they can quickly match it to someone looking for a job.

A touch further north, in the heart of the Lake District, agriculture is a key part of the mix in Kendal, where unemployment is a higher, though still very low, at 3.6 per cent. Local industrialists and landowners cite farming as important for stability, since it is less immediately affected by the up- and downswings of economic cycles. While agriculture employs far fewer than it used to, about 15 per cent of the male population of the surrounding area still works on the land.

Less middle-class than Clitheroe, Kendal has some poor residential areas, but its placing on the cusp of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales means that tourism and the service-related jobs it generates are important.

Audrey Taylor, economic development officer for South Lakeland District Council, lays stress on the sectoral blend of the area. Mindful of Barrow-in-Furness and Copeland, which are dominated by large single employers — VSEL shipbuilders and BNFL Sellafield respectively — she emphasises the importance of small and medium enterprises: "We do have a lot of companies in the 25-200 range, where there are good growth prospects."

She acknowledges, too, the pulling power of an attractive area. "If companies are looking to relocate, and the MD happens to like golf and is a bit of a walker, then all things being equal on grants and assistance, they are likely to relocate to where there is a good quality of life."

While the northern factor is considerable in the low unemployment towns of Britain — and many of them now have low long-term unemployment — the richer areas of the South, such as Newbury, Cambridge or Crawley, all feature in the low unemployment top 25. As an example, Winchester in Hampshire was feted in the 1980s as the most prosperous town in Britain, with strong employment growth and many of the benefits of the new entrepreneurialism. But among the current top ten low unemployment towns, Winchester and Eastleigh has had it toughest in the recession, with its unemployment rate still at 4.9 per cent a year ago, having been at the lowest level among the ten when the downturn began. However, in the past 12 months, jobs have started to come back with a vengeance. Gill Saxton, business manager at the town's JobCentre, says: "We are now seeing many more skilled vacancies. Welders, fabricators, HGV drivers. We are getting quite a few vacancies through for building workers. That's significant."

Vacancies are 20 per cent up on a year ago, and unemployment in Winchester itself is down by more than 30 per cent in the last year, beaten only in the county by Andover, at 33 per cent. Ms Saxton says that employers and the unemployed are keen, too, to sign up to the Worktrial scheme, which allows them to try work without losing their benefits.

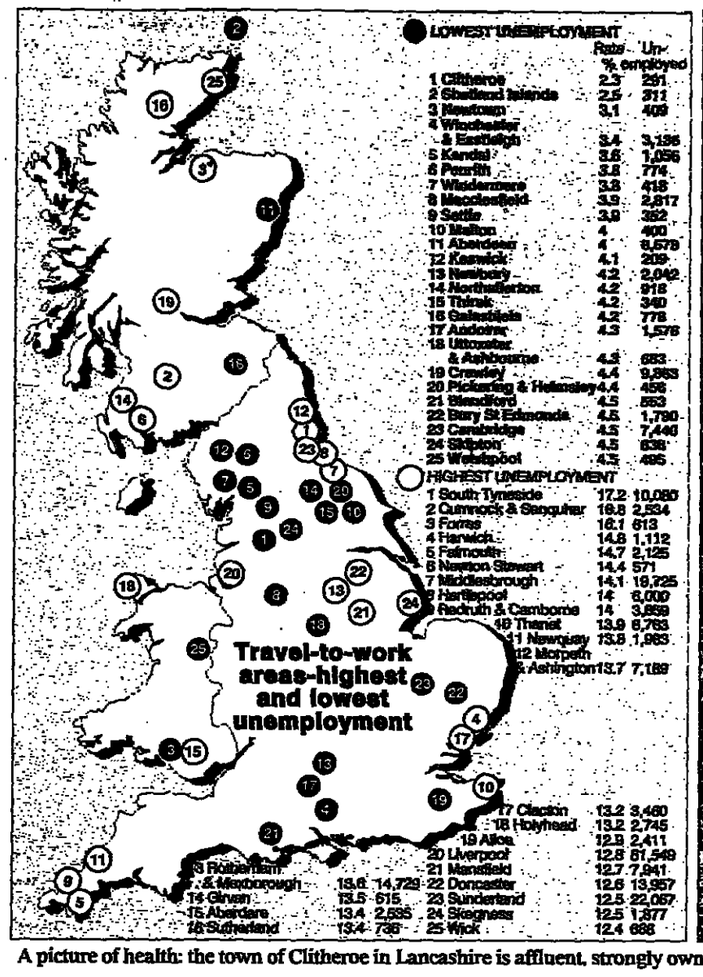
But businesses, local authorities, training agencies and others in the local economies of such areas do not claim that the factors they see as contributing to their low unemployment are translatable. "We don't have a secret formula for getting the dole queues down," says Sue Bibby in Clitheroe. Ministers agree. They are sceptical about whether particular low unemployment areas can offer more broadly applicable lessons, though they emphasise the value of education, skills and a soundly based national economic framework.

All involved deny there is a a blueprint to follow, and clearly the low unemployment in areas such as the Shetlands and Aberdeen reflect special factors — in this case, oil — impossible to duplicate.

Yet in the high unemployment areas, the impact of industrial restructuring is obvious: shipbuilding in South Tyneside and Middlesbrough, dock work in Holyhead, Harwich, Falmouth and Liverpool, coal mining in Doncaster, Mansfield, and Ashington.

That seems to bear out the importance of the point about a broad industrial mix underlined by employers and officials in the low unemployment areas.

As well as such structural points, sheer achievement, entrepreneurialism and effort seem to be factors too. Success breeds success: for those in areas with a small number of people out of work, low unemployment is itself a spur to jobs and growth, as people try to match the success they see around them. As ICI's Martin Hill in Clitheroe puts it: "People here are prepared to turn their hand to almost anything. They say: I've got a brain and a pair of hands — what can I do?"



A picture of health: the town of Clitheroe in Lancashire is affluent, strongly owner-occupied and solidly middle class

Bombay puts its money on the City

Jon Ashworth on the plan to transform chaos into a leading financial centre

Bombay, city of crumbling buildings and congested roads, hopes to rise from the ashes of urban decay to become one of the world's leading financial centres. They might just pull it off.

Local investors have embarked on a concerted drive to put Bombay on the financial map. If they succeed — and there are formidable hurdles to be cleared — Bombay has a realistic chance of becoming a major player in the Asian region. India is expected to have the largest shareholder population in the world by the turn of the century. There are already more than 15 million local investors with 7,000 listed companies to choose from — nearly three times more than the London Stock Exchange — and about 90 per cent of India's stock market business is channelled through Bombay.

The difficulties, however, seem endless. India has 22 independent regional stock exchanges, answering only to themselves and often trading the same stocks in parallel. The stock market enjoyed a surge in volume last year — nearly £6.5 billion was raised in new issues — but lack of regulation remains a serious problem. Few have forgotten the £800 million stock market scandal of May 1992, which wiped more than a third off the value of the Bombay stock exchange in the space of a fortnight, and left thousands of shareholders out of pocket.

Foreigners have nevertheless rushed into Bombay. Barings opened a representative office in early 1994, and hopes to gain fully fledged banking status this year. Jardine Fleming opened an office in 1992. Barclays de Zoete Wedd is setting up a representative office. Credit Lyonnais, WI Carr and Smith New Court offer broking services. American firms including Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs and Merrill Lynch are thick on the ground.

John Moore, head of Barings' local office, says Bombay could develop into the local answer to Singapore or Hong Kong, but driven purely by the domestic economy rather than the needs of neighbouring countries. A basic framework is needed before the city can even get close to realising its ambitions. Overall infrastructure is weak. Office space is expensive. Residential property is both expensive and hard to obtain. "You're paying Hong Kong prices for pretty poor quality property," says Mr Moore.

Underlying the chaos is a healthy attitude to saving and investment. The savings rate was estimated at $57 million in 1993 — about 24 per cent of gross domestic product. There is a tradition of stock market investment, despite occasional roller-coaster rides brought on by the lack of liquidity.

As a first step, a promotional body, Bombay First, has been set up to pull the various strands together. Guests at the launch included Michael Cassidy, policy chairman at the Corporation of London, who speaks enthusiastically about Bombay's prospects. He believes the city is in with a realistic chance, provided politicians and businessmen rally together to put the basic building blocks in place.

Mr Cassidy says: "With the right leadership, it could become the next Hong Kong or Singapore, but business needs to collaborate with politicians if it is going to work."



The bullock cart must make way for bulls in the bourse

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Interim dividend per ordinary share of 5p (net)	3.2p	1.9p	+68%

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Higher tax better than wage restraint

From Mr Eric Hammond

Sir, Philip Oppenheim's article "Minimum wage is no route to maximum employment" (January 11) is one that Tony Blair should read and heed. Mr Oppenheim has, however, missed one facet of the argument.

When the debate began in 1986, we had, ever so light but I believe honest, references to the need for restraint by better paid workers. The need for such restraint is obvious unless you accept continuous, corrosive inflation.

Skilled and qualified employees will not voluntarily cut their earnings and who now, after all our experience, will advocate a statutory incomes policy?

Of course, when we have the means, we should alleviate poverty throughout society, not just amongst wage earners, but for everyone. A minimum income for those in and out of work — the old, the sick, the unemployed.

When I have asked what is wrong with the tax/benefit system as a means to this end, I was told that higher taxes are very unpopular. If we have learnt anything at all from the past, it is that they are not nearly as dangerous as restrained wages.

Yours faithfully,
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Northfleet,
Kent.

Meter readers of the world, unite

From Mrs Eileen Craine

Sir, I was interested to read your article about British Gas considering entering the UK electricity market (January 13).

From time to time, I have to arrange to be at home for a very inconvenient length of time on two days to let the gas and electricity meter readers in (at the suppliers' request) for about one minute each.

Would it not be an idea for these bodies at least to join forces on meter reading so that the same person read both meters on the one call?

Yours faithfully,
EILEEN CRAINE,
59a Crawford Street, WI.

Two views of an 'all-American Herro'

From Lt Col I. G. Mathews

Sir, Now Mr Keith Hall is a hero! See his letter "Why Mr Herro is a hero" (January 13).

My losses are worse than his and to date I've just watched miserably while a good ship slowly started to sink. Now the so-called captain has gone, let us all rally round — *including the big advertisers* — and get this ship proudly sailing once again.

Yours faithfully,
I. G. MATHEWS,
Trecilla Antiques,
36 High Street,
Ross-on-Wye,
Herefordshire.

From Mr Chris Higson

Sir, In case the eccentric letter from Mr Keith Hall, the Saatchi & Saatchi small shareholder, should be taken seriously, I would like to put another view.

When Mr Hall bravely bought his shares in 1991, the advertising agency's clients were reducing budgets in view of the uncertainty created by recession. Like other businesses, Saatchi & Saatchi had to instigate cuts and redundancies to maintain profitability to support the value of Mr Hall's shares while at the same time "tooling up" for future growth.

Just when Mr Hall's investment was beginning to appear a shrewd one he could profit by in a year or two, in strides the "all American Herro" (played by Danny Devito in *Other People's Money*) to send the clients defecting, the agency's top talent into opposition and Mr Hall's shares price tumbling!

With shareholders like Mr Hall, who needs enemies?

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS HIGSON,
Cavendish,
97 Ashley Road,
Walton-on-Thames,
Surrey.

Market forces rule commercial property

From Mr Roger Wingate

Sir, I am sorry to see that Graham Searjeant (January 9) appears to have joined those who think that the disease is caused by the spots, so to speak.

Inflation may well increase house prices. Comparisons between the residential markets in the United Kingdom and Germany would probably support the view because spending on housing is, to a large degree, discretionary.

However, commercial property rents are governed entirely by supply and demand. If the economy continues to expand, more commercial space will be needed, regardless of stable prices. In certain sectors of the market, such as top-grade office space in London and most retail, there is already a looming shortage.

As to the upward-only rent review bogey, developers would need higher initial rent if rents could be reduced on review. This is because financiers would insist on higher reward to match the higher risk and the effect could be the reverse of that intended. This is often the case when market forces are tampered with. Even youthful Graham will remember the George Brown office ban.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER WINGATE,
Chesterfield Properties Plc,
38 Curzon Street,
WI.

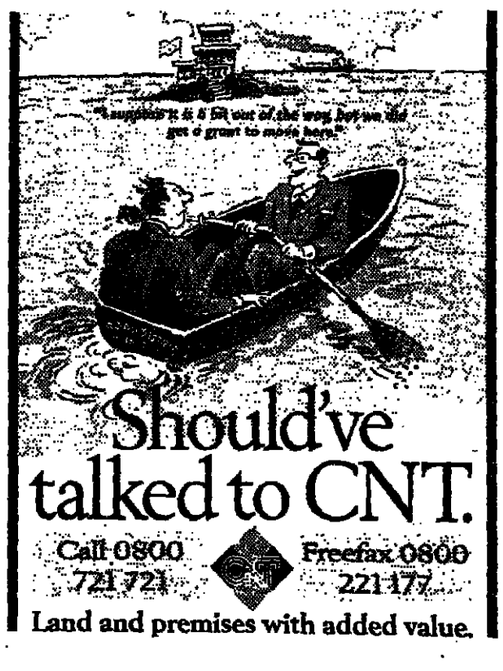
Subsidies banned

From Mr Philip Daubeney

Sir, The claim by Dixons that the regional electricity companies are unfairly subsidising their retail outlets (Dixons accuses RECs of £250m cross-subsidies, January 12) has no substance.

Electricity companies are not permitted to subsidise loss-making operations from core-business revenues, nor would it be economic sense for them to do so. This is monitored closely by Offer, the electricity regulator, and a similar claim by Dixons was rejected by the OFT in November 1993.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP DAUBENEY,
Chief Executive,
Electricity Association,
30 Millbank, SW1.



THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 0895 259 783				
Global Ana	155.40	164.40	- 2.00	0.26
Global Equity	229.10	242.70	- 2.40	1.95
Global Eur	191.40	204.70	- 1.60	0.44
Global Eur Bal	104.40	110.60	- 1.90	1.86
Global Gilt	72.12	74.36	- 0.10	5.65
Global Japan	172.50	182.60	- 2.60	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 0203 553 231				
General Acc	516.90	545.95	- 7.70	2.82
General Inc	459.80	484.50	- 5.10	2.82
UK Growth Acc	349.00	373.70	- 4.80	2.97
UK Growth Inc	278.20	292.50	- 3.80	2.97
Higher Inc Acc	657.30	699.30	- 7.30	4.05
Higher Inc Inc	379.90	404.30	- 4.20	4.05
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	191.30	191.40	- 3.30	6.05
Gilt/Fxd Int Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.20	6.05
Nth American	358.80	272.10	- 2.10	
Far East	334.00	355.40	- 2.50	0.12
Europe	363.00	375.70	- 3.30	3.91
Gilt Ex Fd	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.53	2.12
Bal Trust Acc	230.75	246.10	- 5.30	4.96
Bal Trust Inc	224.00	237.00	- 0.61	4.86
Global Opps	20.23	35.35	- 0.62	0.41
Balanced Acc	52.41	55.76	- 0.50	3.07
Balanced Inc	51.13	54.40	- 0.42	3.07
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	125.70	133.50	- 0.30	7.69
High Inc Equity	155.60	166.40	- 3.90	4.73
Worldwide Bond	258.40	274.10	- 1.20	2.64
Capital Growth				
American Growth	270.30	287.90	- 3.20	79
Asian Pacific	255.30	306.70	- 2.50	
Asset & Europe	250.90	265.40	- 1.60	2.94
Commodity & Energy	163.70	116.30	- 0.40	
Euro Capital Inc	150.00	168.90	- 1.50	.71
Growth & Acc	168.20	148.70	- 1.60	.71
General	215.90	229.50	- 2.20	2.33
Japan	125.60	133.10	- 0.40	
Japanese	134.20	144.70	- 0.80	1.66
UK Growth Opp	124.60	132.80	- 0.10	2.42
UK Emerging Cos	129.80	136.60	- 0.90	
Income & Growth	88.40	93.90	- 3.70	3.19
Smaller	59.60	62.70	- 0.02	3.06
Interest Inc	113.70	121.30	- 1.10	.38
Emerging & Growth	54.17	51.35	- 0.43	4.54
Global Gilt & Cap	64.16	70.59	- 0.02	2.61
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	116.35	116.37		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0224 633 080				
Am Inc & Growth	42.31	42.31	- 0.51	0.70
Cash	52.88	55.88	- 0.02	4.48
European	112.50	117.85	- 1.20	
Euro Inc	140.30	120.09	- 1.12	1.54
Extra Income #	42.16	49.57	- 0.17	6.05
Far East Emg Eco	22.80	19.20	- 0.50	0.57
Fixed Interest #	23.95	23.50	- 0.08	5.90
Fund Inv Tst	67.90	173.70	- 0.40	1.96
Japan	91.50	190.10	- 0.30	
Latin American	95.38	98.75	- 3.18	0.53
Pacific	66.75	39.75	- 0.16	0.28
Property Share	60.57	62.51	- 0.25	2.16
Sth Emerging Cos	61.56	64.10	- 0.05	1.93
UK Growth	41.45	44.07	- 0.41	2.60
Asia World Fund	58.66	70.01	- 0.85	2.54
Global	73.06	61.99	- 0.19	2.93
Scandanav Gth Inc #	48.73	49.73	- 0.06	7.69
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 549 3232				
Fund Growth	66.81	71.07	- 0.45	2.72
Fund Income	77.10	82.32	- 0.72	1.34
Select Portfolio	91.66	96.87	- 0.43	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.45	76.97	+ 0.37	2.64
Income Builder Inc	65.85	69.94	- 0.56	3.04
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	226.90	225.70	- 1.50	3.31
Capital	381.10	314.90	- 1.50	2.90
Balanced	650.30	696.77	+ 5.70	2.86
Accumulator	131.39	152.61	- 3.00	3.17
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.96	48.99	- 0.41	3.63
High Income	77.10	300.50	- 1.70	3.85
Equity Income	231.60	226.60	- 1.00	3.58
High Yield	225.76	244.40	- 1.30	3.56
Gilt Securities	32.32	24.11	- 0.04	6.22
International Trusts				
Amer Sml Cos	137.50	147.30	- 1.40	0.48
European Growth	33.13	35.25	- 0.37	0.61
International	153.10	161.40	- 1.40	0.20
Japan	209.40	222.60	- 0.70	0.21
Pacific	107.50	130.60	+ 3.30	0.01
Gvts of America	403.30	429.10	- 5.00	0.54
Nth American	45.54	48.76	- 0.72	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	495.10	526.20	- 1.50	2.41
Fund's Gift	32.14	35.91	- 0.15	5.15
Smaller Cos	160.10	171.10	- 0.10	1.70
2nd Smaller Cos	157.70	153.00		1.49
Recovery	129.00	137.90	- 0.30	1.90
Set Asst & Cos	142.30	153.80	- 0.40	0.76
Lasso Earning	230.50	252.70	- 2.30	1.91
Technology	160.80	171.60	- 0.60	0.31
UK Special Sits	426.50	455.90	- 1.50	1.92
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0293 526 911				
Shared Cos Pens	94.40	98.49	- 0.10	3.64
Founders Pens Pens	59.44	61.75	- 0.06	2.2
BG-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 600 0033				
Capital	68.01	72.35	- 0.52	1.94
International	61.13	65.03		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 031 222 4242				
American	268.90	309.80	+ 1.80	
Bond	107.60	113.70	+ 0.30	7.33
Brit Smlr Cos	94.00	100.00	- 0.16	1.50
Euro & Gen #	64.03	68.18	- 0.06	5.48
Europe	212.50	226.10	- 2.20	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	96.62	102.50	- 0.50	0.61
Income Gwth	135.90	158.50	- 0.70	3.42
Japan	319.63	339.51	+ 0.20	
Latin American	71.65	76.47	- 3.05	
Pacific	93.88	99.87	- 1.52	0.80
UK Smlr Cos	50.21	53.14	- 0.07	1.29
Japan Fd	125.10	147.00	+ 0.50	
World Fd	166.10	176.70	- 1.40	3.97
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 071 489 8673				
Inc & Gwth	263.10	276.90		1.34
Capital Gwth	104.30	109.90		2.44
Int'nl Grth	170.40	179.30		0.45
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inc Fd Inc	325.30	342.00	- 2.60	3.09
European Bal Inc	85.60	87.70	- 0.31	7.96
Exempt	70.44	75.35	- 0.59	4.38
Financial	68.54	73.30	- 0.70	3.12
500	427.20	456.90	- 1.30	2.55
General	261.30	279.40	- 1.90	2.90
Property	247.06	254.70		6.27
Trustee	170.00	181.90	+ 1.20	2.52
Income Trusts				
Cap Inc	109.20	100.20	- 0.10	5.20
Extra Income	112.60	121.50	- 0.70	4.34
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.73	57.60	- 0.13	8.85
Income	502.95	536.90	- 3.40	4.20
Income & Euro	60.81	64.29	- 0.33	4.96
Int'l Income	58.67	62.67	- 0.39	3.75
Growth Trusts (UK)				
Capital	112.10	119.50	- 1.10	2.70
Income	116.80	123.90	- 0.30	1.55
Recovery	391.60	418.80	+ 2.60	2.86
Smlr Cos Inc	42.23	45.28	- 0.04	1.96
Special Sit	362.70	291.00	- 1.70	1.55
Growth Trusts Overseas				
America	120.70	128.00	- 1.20	0.70
Aust Acc	232.90	248.80	+ 3.40	2.45
Aust Inc	143.90	153.10	- 2.10	2.45
Euro Gwth Inc	144.10	152.80	- 1.60	0.64
(Accum Units)	154.20	163.50	- 1.70	0.64
Japan & Gen Inc	179.80	190.30	- 0.50	
(Accum Units)	191.90	192.50	- 0.50	
Japan Spec Sits	93.56	98.51	- 0.30	
Unic Tech Inc	76.19	30.97	- 0.59	0.13
Portfolio	160.40	170.39	- 2.10	0.77
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 081 658 9602				
American Growth	88.91	94.39	- 1.16	
Amer Smlr Cos	123.20	131.90	- 0.20	
Convertibles	53.11	56.89	- 0.07	5.70
Eastern	234.50	253.90	- 3.70	0.10
Equity Income	84.38	89.76	- 0.63	4.90
European Growth	282.50	305.10	- 4.30	1.00
Europe	208.20	221.50	+ 1.20	0.20
Foreign Growth	70.36	74.62	- 0.46	0.50
Global Bond	59.76	62.55	- 0.29	6.20
Global Growth	117.80	125.60	+ 1.30	
Japan Growth	202.50	213.90	- 0.30	
Japan Sml Cos	178.60	190.00	- 0.70	
Korea Trust	73.45	81.95	- 0.86	
Portfolio	123.30	132.60	- 1.10	1.80
(Accum Units)	226.00	242.30	- 2.10	1.80
UK Growth	79.83	84.92	- 0.85	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	82.58	88.32	- 0.31	1.80
Select Managers	70.45	75.56	- 0.41	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	71.82	76.40		
Special Oppor Inc	50.53	53.76		
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 071 226 6441				
Special Sits	166.50	177.00	- 1.0	1.59
Guidance	21.50	87.17	- 0.32	3.95
Intl Gth & Inc	202.20	215.30	- 0.20	3.22
UK & Gen	52.59	55.55	- 0.26	1.93
Fund of Funds	60.01	64.18	- 0.50	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	100.25	106.09	+ 0.77	1.97
(Accum Units)	112.69	119.25	+ 0.86	1.97
Smaller Cos	99.92	105.73	- 0.22	1.28
Higher Yield #	42.21	44.67	+ 0.38	4.69
American Gth Inc	70.49	74.59	- 0.95	
Japan Gth Inc	130.90	138.51	- 1.96	
European Growth	133.47	141.24	- 2.00	
(Accum Units)	25.79	26.72	- 0.09	7.60
Global Bond Inc #	40.32	42.54	- 0.46	1.60
Magd Pfolio Inc	43.79	45.15	- 0.46	1.60
(Accum Units)	109.87	116.27	- 1.18	
Int Spec Opps	117.53	124.37	+ 3.66	
Pacific Gth				
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	70.64	74.96	+ 0.69	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.54	78.78	+ 0.71	3.73
Japan	62.19	66.87	- 0.09	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.02	94.91	+ 0.17	7.53
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.00	65.44	+ 0.17	6.30
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 061 837 5060				
Growth	146.30	155.70	+ 0.40	1.72
UK Growth	158.90	169.10	- 1.80	2.40
UK Income	127.10	135.30	- 0.80	4.48
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	178.00	188.70	+ 0.30	2.70
-do- Income Dist	105.10	111.40	- 0.70	4.49
(Accum Units)	317.30	336.30	- 2.30	4.49
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.20	41.55	+ 0.04	6.55
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 238 5362				
American & Gen	143.70	152.90	+ 1.50	
European Inc	74.51	79.86	- 1.15	0.51
European	77.37	82.31	- 0.06	2.80
Smaller Cos (4-1)	396.10	421.30	+ 1.50	2.50
Growth	380.10	404.40	- 2.60	4.14
Income & Growth	542.60	577.30	- 5.50	4.14
(Accum Units)	73.15	77.68	- 0.17	
Japan & Gen	698.40	1102.19	- 74.00	2.85
Master Portfolio	£117.41	£121.95	+ 89.00	2.05
(Accum Units)	90.54	96.32	+ 0.84	1.50
Special Sits	£12.40	£12.79	+ 12.00	4.60
High Yield				
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 071 606 0708				
European Portfolio	79.05	84.29	+ 0.46	2.35
American Portfolio	86.22	91.90	- 0.75	1.36
European Portfolio	93.19	99.30	+ 1.67	0.60
Japanese Portfolio	65.90	69.93	+ 0.25	...
Pacific Portfolio	129.25	138.98	+ 1.17	0.94
UK Inc & Growth	72.80	78.15	- 0.37	3.39
Utility & Bond	54.38	54.99	- 0.20	6.96
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	645.05	651.10		4.75
Fxd Int Sec	147.10	147.45		9.83
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	60.59	64.45	- 0.82	3.08
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 071 588 1815				
Inc	636.32	640.19		4.86
Accum	£27.23	£27.25		
Inc	119.50	119.75		9.69
(Accum Units)	185.16	185.45		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	117.30	128.11		
UK Income	103.66	113.14		5.311
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 071 407 5966				
Eastern Inc	72.62	76.86		1.57
Book Bio-Tech	24.16	26.90		
Accm Ethical Tst	145.65	153.32		0.73
City Fin Assets	65.05	69.20	+ 0.13	1.29
City Fin America	80.61	84.85		
City Fin Intl	73.06	76.90		0.99
City Fin Japan	168.52	177.39		
Friars Hse Cap	259.63	280.84	+ 0.10	1.55
Friars Hse Inc	186.95	198.68	- 1.12	4.15
Bexley Wld Grth	122.81	130.65		0.09
Fosmall Cap Gth	130.78	139.13		
Falmpoint Intl	143.29	152.44		
City Fin Ptfo Inc	51.08	54.34		5.41
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	52.87	56.10	+ 0.61	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	53.30	57.07	+ 0.39	
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.44	36.83	+ 0.27	0.35
Dragon Growth	61.25	65.51	- 0.96	0.09
Equity High Inc	78.92	83.98	- 0.94	4.12
(Accum Units)	106.12	112.89	- 1.27	4.12
European Gwth	48.50	51.60	- 0.87	0.64
Evergreen	26.97	28.65	+ 0.12	
General Equity	79.55	84.40	- 1.05	2.65
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.63	24.85	- 0.04	8.83
Japan Growth	51.60	55.19	- 0.06	
Pacifica Gwth	48.05	51.12	- 0.53	2.72
Fnd Sm Cos Inc	29.01	30.86	- 0.04	1.21
(Accum Units)	30.15	32.07	+ 0.05	1.21
Retirement Inc #	24.85	26.44	- 0.24	6.00
Special Sits	36.03	38.33	- 0.22	2.09
UK & Overseas	45.43	48.33	- 0.47	1.39
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0634 898 000				
Capital	62.81	67.78	- 0.79	2.35
Income	57.74	61.75	- 0.59	4.28
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	149.85	159.41	+ 1.67	5.63
Fixed & Convertible	38.63	41.10	+ 0.13	7.45
Monthly Inc Plus	47.05	50.05	- 0.04	8.95
Preference Share	45.67	48.58	- 0.86	7.61
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	116.70	124.15	- 1.15	7.51
Managed Fund	63.93	68.01	+ 0.19	3.10
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.22	39.60	+ 0.12	1.71
(Accum Units)	42.59	45.31	+ 0.14	1.71
UK & General	74.02	78.74	+ 0.98	2.82
(Accum Units)	92.64	98.55	+ 1.23	2.82
UK Growth	133.12	141.62	- 1.78	2.41
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	183.99	195.73	+ 3.11	0.25
Far Eastern Grth	123.68	131.57	- 0.96	
Global Bond	74.69	79.37	+ 0.23	6.38
Japan Growth	122.18	129.98	- 0.21	
North Amer Grth	155.94	165.89	- 0.79	
Oriental Growth	68.33	72.69	+ 2.03	
Worldwide Growth	61.93	65.88	- 0.41	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.57	92.57	+ 0.03	5.25
Homemakers Fund	73.12	77.78	- 0.80	1.94
Quilter Fund	120.68	128.38	- 1.48	3.05
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.04	58.55	- 0.56	3.10
(Accum Units)	59.62	62.42	- 0.61	3.10
High Income	32.19	34.24	- 0.26	4.80
Japan	35.84	38.12	- 0.05	
Smaller Cos Inc	29.17	31.03	- 0.07	2.60
Smaller Cos	30.89	32.86	+ 0.06	2.60
North American	31.19	33.18	- 0.26	0.60
European	35.62	37.95	+ 0.58	0.80
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.69	31.84		3.39
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 356				
Growth	138.10	147.00	+ 1.50	2.03
Income	68.65	73.04	+ 0.46	5.06
European	58.98	62.75	+ 0.88	1.17
Recovery	145.40	154.70	+ 1.40	2.03
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	776.20	798.30		3.87
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.74	73.12	+ 0.31	1.25
Income #	225.30	239.60	- 2.20	4.85
(Accum Units) #	554.80	590.20	+ 5.50	4.85
Smaller Cos	148.90	158.40		0.61
(Accum Units)	182.00	193.60		0.61
Inv Portfolio	74.30	79.04	- 0.73	1.50
High Inc Port #	65.27	69.43	+ 0.69	5.00
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.95	£15.31		
Japan Small Cos	£12.32	£12.56		
UK Small Cos	£17.09	£17.85		
US Small Cos	£15.49	£15.90		
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	193.80	204.00		2.83
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	262.30	277.40	+ 4.10	1.01
New Asia	190.20	203.00	- 2.70	0.17
Japan Growth	120.00	127.60	- 0.20	
Jap Smlr Co	494.30	525.50	- 0.80	...
Nth Amer	248.80	263.80	+ 2.40	0.90
Shlrd Asia Pac Mt	107.90	114.50	+ 4.00	0.39
UK Inc & Grth	200.80	214.10	+ 2.40	3.11
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	132.20	140.60	+ 1.20	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	141.20	150.20	+ 1.20	4.80
(Accum Units)	180.80	192.30	+ 1.50	4.80
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.68	59.10	+ 0.12	5.30
Emergent Opps	80.10	85.21	+ 0.10	1.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	115.60	122.70	- 0.80	1.43
Convertibles #	19.74	20.97	+ 0.07	6.67
Equity Income #	119.60	127.10	+ 1.20	4.17
Eurofund	43.31	45.95	+ 0.52	0.44
Financial	41.43	44.02	- 0.32	1.70
Growth & Inc #	222.30	236.30	- 2.40	3.26
High Dist #	145.80	154.90	+ 1.60	4.84
International	359.10	381.50	- 4.80	0.13
Int Cap Inc	87.35	92.25	+ 0.64	2.95
Latin American	32.24	34.25	+ 1.16	
Pacific	73.50	78.09	- 0.10	
Preference Share	21.71	23.07	+ 0.05	7.15
Tokyo	228.10	242.40	+ 1.30	
UK Smaller Cos	215.30	228.80	+ 0.30	1.20
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 071 242 0242				
Ebor Trust	199.25	212.62	- 4.06	1.07
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	189.50	201.60		0.95
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0296 431 480				
European	76.41	80.43	+ 1.00	1.64
Ethical Tst	42.49	44.73	- 0.10	1.25
Far Eastern	280.45	295.21	- 2.68	2.03
High Income	124.50	131.05	- 0.89	4.93
Intl Growth	113.33	119.29	+ 0.48	1.40
North American	103.68	109.14	- 0.43	1.34
Pelican	110.73	116.56	+ 0.78	3.27
Smaller Cos	65.64	69.09	- 0.55	2.56
Special Sits	83.70	88.10	- 0.15	2.68
Tst of Inv Tsts	174.21	183.38	- 0.39	1.58
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	199.80	208.12	- 2.28	1.41
Smaller Cos Acc	349.59	364.16	- 3.95	1.41
Recovery	51.39	53.53	- 0.58	1.33
Recovery Acc	51.96	54.12	- 0.61	1.33
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.56	113.35	- 0.14	6.13
Capital Growth	76.34	81.87	+ 0.32	
Fd of Inv Tst	42.29	45.11	+ 0.18	0.64
High Income #	41.20	44.15	+ 0.03	10.40
Warrant	51.54	56.02	+ 0.11	
Zero Preference	36.37	38.54	+ 0.06	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.04	77.70	- 0.430	2.54
Family Income Tst	45.55	45.55	- 0.210	6.14
Family Trust	81.42	86.61	+ 1.950	1.20
United Charities	251.80	267.80	- 0.700	3.39
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.30
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	35.23	36.32	+ 0.05	7.93
Intl Bond	27.11	28.12	+ 0.04	5.49
Income Funds				
High Income	24.23	25.50	- 0.08	5.18
Income Plus	106.00	112.80	- 0.39	4.20
Amer Eq Inc	44.73	47.39	+ 0.22	1.99
European Income	40.31	42.87	- 0.54	1.87
Far East Inc	59.63	63.43	- 0.30	2.16
Global Convertible	21.78	23.24	- 0.08	3.81
UK Dlv Gth	23.07	24.54	+ 0.22	1.87
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	55.65	59.37	+ 1.36	
American	228.60	242.40	+ 2.20	
Amer Spec Sits	108.70	116.00	- 0.50	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.52	43.23	- 0.09	
European	161.50	171.80	+ 1.30	
European Opps	60.02	63.92	- 0.41	
Global Priv	23.26	24.75	- 0.27	1.15
UK Growth	84.97	90.35	- 0.59	
Growth & Inc	132.50	140.90	- 1.30	2.52
Intl PEP	34.87	37.09	- 0.34	
Japan Spec Sits	92.60	98.60	- 0.18	
Japan	195.40	208.30	- 0.30	
Managed Intl	262.60	279.60	- 2.40	
Moneybuilder	50.34	53.53	- 0.31	
Recovery	45.48	48.38	+ 0.24	
South E Asia	129.06	137.60	+ 4.40	
Special Sits	485.80	516.60	+ 3.70	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.92	107.92	+ 0.04	5.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 071 814 2700				
Balanced #	129.50	132.80		1.80
Inc Pfolio #	81.37	82.99	- 0.59	4.03
Cap Pfolio	134.90	137.50	+ 1.30	0.75
General Opps	115.90	118.10		3.55
Growth Inc	28.92	29.45	- 0.32	1.81
Private Portfolio	380.90	388.90		1.52
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	107.30	113.40	+ 1.80	0.56
Emrg Asian	153.60	164.30	+ 3.60	...
High Income	20.88	22.16	- 0.19	10.15
Others Income	86.32	92.35	+ 0.66	3.10
UK Growth	101.50	108.80	+ 1.00	1.72
UK Income	39.68	106.30	+ 1.80	4.33
US Smaller Cos	281.20	300.70	- 3.40	
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.92	48.29	+ 0.34	3.37
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.39	75.07	- 0.15	4.40
Intl Growth	64.63	67.96		1.32
Investment Trust	85.32	89.61	+ 0.23	
UK Smaller Cos	77.15	81.13	+ 0.06	0.92
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.88	56.43	+ 0.41	
(Accum Units)	52.88	56.43	+ 0.41	
Amer Smlr Cos	446.00	476.90	- 2.50	
(Accum Units)	455.70	487.30	- 2.70	
Capital Tst	298.20	317.10	- 0.10	1.61
(Accum Units)	425.90	452.90	- 0.10	1.61
Credit Smlr Cos	56.09	60.21	- 0.26	0.69
(Accum Units)	58.98	63.22	- 0.27	0.69
Convertible	121.20	128.80		5.87
(Accum Units)	245.30	260.90	+ 0.35	5.87
Emerging Markets	67.16	71.77	+ 1.21	
(Accum Units)	67.25	71.84	+ 1.22	
European	112.10	119.20	+ 1.20	0.15
(Accum Units)	117.50	124.90	+ 1.40	0.15
Euro Income	313.60	332.90	- 2.80	4.07
(Accum Units)	470.20	500.10	+ 3.30	4.07
Financial	113.40	122.00	+ 0.80	0.30
(Accum Units)	119.40	128.50	+ 1.00	0.30
Gilt Trust	60.31	62.20	+ 0.14	6.37
(Accum Units)	84.23	86.85	+ 0.18	6.37
Health Fund Inc	124.30	132.70	+ 0.90	
(Accum Units)	124.30	132.70	+ 0.90	
Income & Growth	181.20	192.70	+ 1.40	3.32
(Accum Units)	273.70	291.00	+ 2.30	3.32
Intl Growth	343.10	368.00	+ 1.90	
(Accum Units)	381.00	408.60	+ 2.10	
Japan & Gen	177.30	189.50	+ 0.10	
(Accum Units)	179.10	191.40	+ 0.10	
Managed Port Inc	99.47	104.70	+ 0.70	0.48
(Accum Units)	105.00	110.90	+ 0.60	0.48
Monthly Income	158.30	168.20	+ 1.00	4.02
Quarterly Income	50.42	53.63	+ 0.29	4.78
(Accum Units)	53.63	57.04	+ 0.31	4.78
Recovery	325.30	347.80	+ 2.30	0.13
(Accum Units)	382.90	409.40	+ 2.80	0.13
UK Growth	50.94	54.41	+ 0.68	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.69	56.28	+ 0.70	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Equity Dist	360.40	383.30	- 3.10	2.78
-do- Accum	761.10	809.60	- 6.60	2.78
FP Euro Gth Dist	136.80	145.50	- 2.00	0.35
-do- Accum	142.60	151.70	- 2.10	0.35
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.50	134.70	- 0.10	7.05
-do- Accum	233.80	247.00	- 0.30	7.05
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.03	92.58	+ 1.26	0.61
-do- Accum	91.02	96.82	+ 1.32	0.61
FP Nth Amer Dist	177.20	187.70	+ 2.80	1.19
-do- Accum	195.30	206.80	+ 3.10	1.19
FP Pac Basin Dist	291.00	309.50	+ 3.40	0.21
-do- Accum	296.80	315.70	+ 3.40	0.21
FP Income	51.02	54.42	+ 0.55	4.30
(Accum Units)	165.20	176.20	+ 1.70	4.30
FP Jap Smlr Cos	371.70	396.40	- 0.70	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.29	72.88	+ 0.56	6.09
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20		4.80
FP Tokyo	88.25	94.13	- 0.18	0.0
FP UK Growth	162.30	173.10	+ 2.30	2.81
(Accum Units)	314.20	335.10	+ 4.30	2.81
Stewardship Dist	314.70	334.70	+ 8.30	2.03
-do- Accum	384.80	409.30	+ 0.30	2.03
Stwdshp Inc Dist	68.89	73.28	+ 0.02	3.79
-do- Accum	88.83	94.49	+ 0.02	3.79
N Am Stshp Dist	92.48	98.38	+ 0.54	0.74
-do- Accum	98.23	104.50	+ 0.60	0.74
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	102.60	109.10	- 1.08	0.76
Open Cap Gth Acc	104.60	111.20	- 0.40	0.17
Cap Gth Inc Inc	99.06	105.40	- 1.09	1.79
Cap Gth Inc Acc	100.70	107.10	- 1.00	1.79
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.90	108.40	- 0.50	1.78
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.40	110.00	- 0.50	1.78
NSM Unit Trusts				
American	42.75	45.47	+ 0.72	1.21
Australian	306.40	328.70	- 1.10	0.0
Conscience	66.89	71.38	- 0.21	0.84
European	193.70	206.00	+ 3.30	0.81
(Accum Units)	209.40	222.70	+ 3.50	0.81
Gilt & FI	56.50	58.69	- 0.08	8.57
Gold	48.29	51.92	+ 0.17	0.0
Intl	30.54	32.59	+ 0.28	0.92
(Accum Units)	44.29	47.25	+ 0.39	0.92
Sing & Malaysian	229.20	244.70	+ 2.20	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.68	30.83	+ 0.07	1.14
Special Sits	34.30	36.88	+ 0.36	1.63
US Smaller Cos	102.80	111.00	- 0.70	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	224.30	237.30	+ 2.30	2.56
Cash	49.64	50.38	+ 0.02	4.01
Growth Portfolio	73.54	77.95	+ 0.79	1.04
Income Portfolio	60.93	64.44	- 0.94	4.61
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	173.70	185.80	- 0.40	
European	534.40	569.90	+ 4.90	0.48
Far East & Gen	246.60	264.00	- 0.10	
Germany	113.40	120.10	- 1.60	
Income Inc	143.70	153.70	- 1.40	4.71
(Accum Units)	152.20	162.80	- 1.50	4.71
International	316.10	338.10	- 1.60	0.21
Intl Income	74.94	79.55	- 0.65	4.40
Japan & General	336.60	424.00	- 0.50	
Korean Securities	60.04	64.22	- 1.56	
Smlr Cos Div Inc	44.51	47.61	- 0.08	5.04
UK Capital (Inc)	158.70	169.80	- 1.40	1.12
UK Spec Sits	79.32	84.84	- 0.01	0.72
US & General	127.60	135.90	- 2.20	
Wwde Spec Sits	145.20	155.10	- 0.60	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.75	47.90	- 0.56	2.44
Cash Trust	136.09	136.09	+ 0.04	4.48
Practical Inv Inc #	109.43	117.04	+ 0.42	3.51
(Accum Units) #	248.80	266.10	+ 0.94	3.51
UK Index	140.01	142.37	- 1.80	3.24
UK Smaller Cos	115.34	123.36	+ 0.14	1.18
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.76	26.48	- 0.56	9.37
High Income	31.87	34.09	- 0.19	5.25
UK Equity Income	130.86	139.96	- 1.13	3.52
Global Bond	27.15	28.13	+ 0.12	5.33
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.86	50.12	+ 2.08	
Global Inc & Gth	126.23	134.35	- 0.97	2.08
Gold & Intl Res	106.38	113.78	- 1.80	
Global Utilities	123.73	132.82	+ 1.48	1.35
Overseas Funds				
American	135.52	144.44	- 0.97	1.00
European	95.62	101.38	+ 1.57	1.80
Euro Sel Opps	137.14	145.77	+ 1.98	
Amer Emerging	93.68	100.19	+ 0.37	
Hong Kong	115.16	123.36	- 4.59	1.85
Japan	245.16	259.50	- 0.36	
Pacific Growth	90.20	93.23	- 1.54	1.56
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	203.71	203.71	- 1.92	2.12
Long Term Bal	221.82	221.82	- 1.91	2.90
Med Term Bal	188.67	188.67	+ 1.13	3.43
UK Equity	229.05	229.05	+ 2.36	2.65
UK Emerging Cos	135.43	135.43	- 0.04	2.30
American	220.69	220.69	+ 2.14	1.37
Japan	127.34	127.34	- 0.05	
European	247.55	247.55	- 4.25	1.05
Index Linked Gilt	163.77	163.77	+ 0.32	2.80
Fixed Interest	151.50	151.50	- 0.06	6.94
Amer Emergng	241.84	241.84	+ 0.51	
Pacific	207.82	207.82	+ 0.65	0.95
Emerging Mkts	137.75	137.75	+ 4.55	0.78
Index Sted Japan	154.09	154.09		0.24
-do- Pacific Rim	161.79	161.79		1.36
-do- Cont Europe	141.66	141.66		1.80
Index Strat USA	125.92	125.92		2.35
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.49	100.52	- 0.87	
Med Term Bal	88.68	94.34	- 0.57	
Long Term Bal	98.37	104.65	- 0.88	
UK Equity	105.93	112.69	+ 1.16	
UK Emerging Cos	63.47	67.52	+ 2.07	...
American	102.33	108.86	+ 1.06	...
Japan	61.14	65.84	- 0.04	...
European	103.15	109.73	+ 1.88	...
Fixed Interest	76.64	81.53	- 0.83	...
Index Linked Gilt	72.61	77.24	+ 0.15	...
Deposit	79.76	84.85	+ 0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	112.50	119.70	- 0.60	
Berkeley Income	105.80	112.50	- 0.30	2.03
BWH Intl	121.21	128.12	- 0.77	0.62
Brclid Gth Port Inc	57.95	61.16	- 0.25	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	53.92	56.91	- 0.64	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.90	53.72	- 0.20	0.50
Shaw Utilities	58.12	61.34	- 0.28	2.76
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	517.98	551.04		1.51
(Accum Units)	575.06	611.77		1.51
European Inc	135.71	144.37		0.67
Amalgam Inc	141.66	149.98		
N America Inc	315.11	335.22		
Far East Inc	330.37	351.46		
(Accum Units)	342.17	364.01		
UK Dvtd Inc	166.52	177.15	..	1.40
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	83.77	88.26	+ 0.17	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.72	48.90	- 0.11	1.01
British Growth	50.24	53.11	- 0.43	2.57
American Gwth	159.74	170.84	- 1.04	
Japan Gwth	78.65	84.11	+ 0.26	
Greater China	174.07	186.17	- 0.62	...
Pacific Strategy	151.22	161.73	- 2.22	...
European Gwth	81.62	87.29	- 0.73	0.29
Intl Growth	138.37	147.99	+ 0.96	
US Index (£)	12.92	13.62	- 0.07	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.60	75.86	- 0.14	2.28
Monthly Income	35.82	37.32	+ 0.06	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 665 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	9.89	10.42	+ 0.25	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	89.33	95.03		1.24
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 071 538 8668				
Cash	137.80	137.80	+ 0.10	4.91
European	460.40	491.80	+ 6.20	0.11
Gilt & Fixed	124.00	131.60	- 0.20	5.33
Growth Equity	312.10	333.40	+ 1.80	1.97
Income Trust	123.30	131.70	+ 0.60	3.00
International	172.90	184.70	- 2.20	
Japan Trust	130.52	139.40	- 0.60	
Nth American	246.10	262.90	- 2.10	0.16
Pacific	498.50	532.50	- 8.60	
Guardhill	463.60	495.20	+ 2.27	1.96
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 071 522 2129				
EAU Trust	97.74	101.43	- 0.39	6.58
Global High Inc	97.08	100.73	- 0.33	6.75
Prem Fixed Int	99.09	102.86	- 0.37	8.52
Eqy & Bond Inc	97.75	103.92	+ 0.28	5.17
European Growth	97.28	103.43	+ 0.06	
Intl PEP Trust	56.49	60.06	- 0.03	
High Income	114.76	122.02	- 1.49	4.27
-do- Accum	156.99	166.92	- 2.04	4.27
Recovery	358.80	382.60		1.62
(Accum Units)	413.00	435.10	- 0.10	1.62
St Vinc High Inc	121.63	129.45	- 0.24	7.10
Trop Bal Emer Co	237.00	252.00	- 0.30	1.42
Trop Bal Sm Co In	351.90	358.10	+ 0.50	2.05
Glob Priv Tst	88.68	94.29	- 0.09	1.54
(Accum Units)	89.50	95.15	- 0.12	1.54
Inc Share Tst	87.53	93.07	- 0.04	8.05
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	190.40	202.00	+ 0.40	2.70
Smaller Cos	31.58	33.60	- 0.13	0.85
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	278.66	298.18	+ 1.86	1.26
Best of British	60.62	64.43	+ 0.83	2.72
UK Smaller Cos	119.47	128.43	+ 0.46	1.47
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	261.51	278.49	+ 2.56	3.61
(Accum Units)	702.86	748.62	+ 6.86	3.61
High Income #	305.10	326.14	+ 0.69	4.10
Extra Income #	266.53	293.45	- 2.01	5.55
Pref & Gilt	44.71	48.06	- 0.92	8.05
International				
International	256.51	271.89	- 3.33	8.45
Global Bond	51.18	54.45	+ 0.25	5.48
Family of Funds	77.52	82.90	- 0.45	0.15
Global Tech	149.63	160.02	+ 0.39	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	158.23	169.21	+ 3.05	0.40
European	451.70	479.80	+ 7.43	8.56
European Income	77.71	82.34	+ 0.92	2.78
Euro Smlr Cos	144.20	154.35	- 0.28	0.18
Eur Sp Sits	67.82	72.14	+ 0.75	0.05
(Accum Units)	72.65	77.28	+ 0.81	0.05
Japan Trust	221.82	236.11	- 0.15	
Japan Special Sits	249.81	268.06	- 0.09	..
Pacific Smlr Cos	243.02	258.53	+ 1.13	..
North American	225.15	239.23	+ 1.82	0.57
American Smaller	100.46	107.39	+ 0.84	..
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	53.41	56.61	+ 0.30	
Eur Sp Sits	58.45	61.95	+ 0.64	
General Growth	41.31	43.78	+ 0.52	
Global Tech	58.53	62.04	- 0.15	
Income Growth	40.33	42.74	- 0.37	...
Japan Growth	27.15	28.77	- 0.03	...
Smaller Cos	21.31	22.58		...
Special Opps	28.35	30.05	+ 0.10	
Wwide So Sits	46.59	49.38	+ 0.47	..
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 081 686 4355				
British	92.70	99.14	+ 1.02	1.91
Capital	164.90	176.30	+ 1.70	1.51
Dollar	325.70	348.30	+ 3.30	0.12
Enterprise Gth	314.80	336.60	+ 3.00	1.78
European	215.40	230.30	+ 2.30	0.02
Far East	290.70	310.90	+ 4.90	0.02
Financial	750.10	802.20	+ 9.70	1.43
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.58	25.86	- 0.29	7.77
High Yield	99.52	106.40	+ 0.90	4.11
Income & Growth	136.10	145.50	+ 1.50	3.46
International	241.40	258.10	+ 2.20	..
Japanese General	209.00	223.50	- 0.20	..
Japan Tech	84.82	90.71	- 0.06	...
Nat Resources	71.29	76.24	+ 0.81	
Portfolio	69.12	73.92	+ 0.80	1.43
Smaller Cos	120.60	128.90	+ 0.40	1.40
Special Sits	142.50	152.40	+ 0.90	1.61
UK Emerging Cos	88.54	94.69	+ 0.18	0.73
US Smaller Cos	79.33	84.84	+ 0.49	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 187 880 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	95.71	102.10	+ 0.70	6.09
Capital	552.20	589.30	- 7.30	2.54
Income #	528.90	564.50	- 2.70	5.18
Foodie Fund	50.45	53.36	+ 0.83	2.63
Trade Index	104.30	111.30	+ 0.20	2.02
UK Index	130.90	139.70	+ 1.70	3.21
International Funds				
American Growth	465.60	496.90	+ 4.80	0.64
American Index	191.20	203.80	- 1.90	1.25
European Growth	107.80	114.50	+ 1.00	0.02
Eurotrack 100	151.00	160.60	+ 2.70	0.88
Global Bond	19.80	20.90	+ 0.05	6.18
Japan Growth	282.70	301.40	- 0.70	
Japan Index	80.77	86.20	- 0.45	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	36.25	38.69	- 0.15	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	48.91	52.20	+ 1.06	0.22
Hong Kong Gwth	81.94	87.45	+ 3.11	1.15
Spore & Mlysn Gth	67.23	71.75	+ 1.48	..
Tiger Index	181.50	193.70	+ 3.70	0.23
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.96	30.06		1.09
General Funds				
Managed	66.62	71.22	- 0.64	2.02
Rupert Chld Fnd	80.39	83.44	- 1.29	2.47
UK Growth	56.45	58.59	+ 0.69	2.43
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.69	50.69	+ 0.02	4.73
Cashbox (Acc)	58.87	58.87	+ 0.02	4.73
UK Extra Inc	81.12	84.20	- 1.37	4.82
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.38	28.16	+ 0.05	7.87
UK Inc & Gwth	38.28	39.73	+ 0.39	4.08
UK Income	319.40	331.50	+ 3.50	3.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	46.84	48.51	+ 0.35	0.50
Amer Smlr Cos	108.80	112.90	+ 0.50	...
(Accum Units)	110.00	114.10	+ 0.50	..
Europe Gth	145.00	150.20	+ 2.10	..
(Accum Units)	149.90	155.20	+ 2.10	
Euro Smaller Cos	27.03	28.05	+ 0.18	
French Growth	71.98	74.59	+ 0.95	0.32
Accum Units	76.89	79.90	+ 1.01	0.32
H Kong & China	67.85	70.42	+ 1.79	1.89
Intl Growth	55.30	57.43	+ 0.82	0.55
(Accum Units)	56.85	57.97	+ 0.63	0.55
Japan Gth	34.79	36.11	- 0.05	
Accum Units	34.79	36.11	- 0.05	..
Japan Smaller Cos	43.34	44.98	- 0.05	..
Glob Emg Mkts	93.75	97.31	+ 2.15	
Accum Units	94.41	97.89	+ 2.16	...
SE Asia	286.60	299.50	+ 5.40	0.37
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.41	52.98	+ 0.19	6.37
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 071 581 3020				
American Cap	129.70	137.60	+ 0.10	
Income	141.06	150.06	+ 0.75	3.99
UK Growth	51.64	54.93	+ 0.28	0.88

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KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.33	50.35	+ 0.33	7.65
Gilt Yield	111.60	117.70	- 0.10	6.80
Global Income	204.50	217.60	- 1.10	4.18
High Yield	131.70	140.10	- 1.07	6.31
(Accum Units)	398.30	423.70	- 3.08	6.31
Smlr Cos Div	49.60	52.77	- 0.04	3.01
Capital Growth Trusts				
Acer Smlr Cos	84.07	89.44	+ 0.08	
North American	71.14	75.68	+ 0.24	0.17
European Special	104.70	111.40	+ 1.00	0.13
European	146.50	155.90	- 1.40	0.38
(Accum Units)	192.40	204.70	+ 1.90	0.38
General	258.80	275.20	- 2.10	3.28
Japan	424.40	451.50	- 2.50	...
Japanese Special	249.50	265.40	+ 1.50	
Maples Accum	227.60	242.10	- 1.30	0.57
Pacific	314.60	334.70	+ 2.70	
(Accum Units)	369.00	392.60	- 3.20	..
Smaller Cos	105.30	112.00	- 0.10	0.61
UK Equity Growth	37.91	40.32	- 0.10	1.57
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 071 629 1683				
Glocal Inc & Gth	59.07	62.84	- 0.60	
Inv Trust	63.87	67.94	- 0.07	
Cautious Inc/Gth	55.71	59.26	+ 0.49	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.72	57.15	+ 0.29	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 588 2800				
Income	565.30	576.60		5.34
Intl & General	338.20	406.30	..	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	251.74	267.81	+ 2.19	5.60
Inc & Growth Inc	53.71	57.14	+ 0.55	4.80
Smaller Cos	53.69	57.12		1.44
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	233.60	248.70	- 3.30	2.19
High Income	103.10	109.60	- 0.30	4.41
International	94.07	100.00	- 0.85	0.61
Recovery Trust	59.80	63.61	- 0.40	1.60
European Trust	78.68	83.70	+ 0.68	1.04
Japanese Trust	44.10	46.91	- 0.03	
American Trust	81.68	87.10	+ 0.71	..
Managed	64.38	68.48	+ 0.14	0.55
Cash	51.21	51.21	+ 0.01	4.71
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 374 0918				
UK Cap	342.80	349.90	.	2.63
UK Inc/Gth	370.12	375.90	.	3.45
UK Income	258.40	263.80	.	4.39
UK Sm Cos	223.00	238.00	.	2.00
Euro Gwth	119.60	120.60	.	
N Amer Gwth	76.15	78.87	..	0.12
Japan Growth	87.31	88.01		
Money Mkt	121.67	121.67		1.530
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	451.40	480.20	- 5.60	2.73
(Accum Units)	887.80	944.50	- 10.90	2.73
Equity Income	93.21	99.16	- 0.82	4.12
UK Tactical Allocn	53.87	57.31	+ 1.14	3.10
European	110.60	117.70	+ 1.60	0.98
Far East	217.90	231.80	+ 1.70	
Fixed Interest	49.67	52.84	+ 0.05	6.92
Gilt	85.88	91.37	+ 0.18	6.76
Global Growth	73.92	78.64	+ 0.79	0.10
Intl Bond	50.42	53.58	- 0.29	5.26
Japanese	75.99	80.84	- 0.17	
North American	139.60	148.70	- 1.40	1.06
Pacific Growth	102.00	108.50	- 1.50	0.19
UK Index	58.67	62.98	- 0.77	3.21
UK Recovery	87.39	92.97	- 0.67	1.61
UK Smaller Cos	117.00	124.50		1.52
US Index	57.00	60.15	+ 0.66	1.88
European Index	71.04	74.98	- 1.13	1.50
Japan Index	42.16	44.50	- 0.09	
Worldwide	80.74	85.89	+ 0.66	1.40
LINCOLN NATIONAL 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	48.05	51.39	+ 0.63	2.07
Income	56.63	60.78	- 0.56	2.92
Far East	51.96	55.57	+ 0.21	
North American	87.70	90.80	+ 0.40	
Global	87.92	94.03	- 0.09	0.19
European	82.85	88.61	+ 0.84	0.33
Japan	110.00	117.50		
Intl Currency Bd	53.87	59.37	- 0.21	5.57
SE Asia	95.28	101.90	- 1.30	
UK Cap Growth	88.66	94.82	- 1.03	1.45
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	324.26	344.90	+ 2.60	3.04
-do- Acc	737.20	784.20	- 6.20	3.04
Conf Euro Gth	60.93	64.14	- 0.65	0.63
-do- Acc	65.11	68.54	+ 0.70	0.63
Extra Inc	244.10	259.70	- 1.50	4.23
-do- Acc	633.60	674.10	- 3.70	4.23
German Gth	121.20	127.80	+ 0.50	9.15
-do- Acc	127.10	133.80	+ 0.80	8.15
Growth Port	523.20	556.70	+ 3.90	0.25
-do- Acc	532.00	566.00	+ 4.00	0.25
Income	465.20	495.00	+ 2.90	3.88
-do- Acc	£12.92	£13.32	+ 7.00	3.88
Income Port	502.60	534.90	+ 2.10	4.31
-do- Acc	528.50	562.30	+ 2.30	4.31
Japan Growth	106.20	113.00	+ 0.30	
-do- Acc	108.60	113.50	+ 0.40	...
Master Trust	55.74	59.30	+ 1.05	1.59
-do- Acc	62.22	66.20	- 1.17	1.55
N American Gen	170.10	181.00	+ 2.50	0.81
-do- Acc	196.50	209.10	+ 3.00	0.81
Nthn Sml Co Rec	131.10	139.50	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc	133.80	142.40	+ 1.30	
Pacific Basin	222.80	237.10	+ 0.60	0.93
-do- Acc	236.30	251.40	+ 6.90	0.93
Small Cos Rec	344.50	362.70	+ 0.20	2.09
-do- Acc	460.80	484.90	+ 0.20	2.09
UK Growth	80.65	84.80	+ 0.89	2.67
-do- Acc	98.05	104.40	+ 0.90	2.67
Worldwide Gth	295.40	314.30	+ 2.90	0.43
-do- Acc	435.90	463.70	+ 4.30	0.43
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 0392 282 673				
American	60.56	64.97	+ 0.69	0.10
General	82.18	86.88	+ 0.65	2.68
Income	63.76	68.41	+ 0.25	5.40
International	60.51	64.91	+ 0.70	0.49
Japan	58.46	63.79	+ 0.18	
Tst of Inv Trusts	64.55	69.25	+ 0.20	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	371.50	392.90	+ 5.50	0.75
(Accum Units)	461.10	487.80	+ 6.90	0.75
Amer Recovery	441.30	468.70	+ 4.30	0.61
(Accum Units)	506.40	535.60	+ 5.00	0.81
Amer Smlr Cos	126.60	134.10	+ 1.20	..
(Accum Units)	129.50	137.00	+ 1.30	..
Australasian	154.10	163.00	+ 1.00	2.09
(Accum Units)	186.80	197.50	+ 1.20	2.08
Capital	788.70	834.10	+ 2.40	2.64
(Accum Units)	896.00	947.70	+ 2.80	2.64
Charifund	861.10	867.80	+ 4.50	5.74
(Accum Units)	£30.54	£30.65	+ 20.70	5.74
Commodity	391.70	414.20	+ 3.10	0.35
(Accum Units)	574.30	607.40	+ 4.70	0.35
Compound Gth	886.60	937.60	+ 6.60	2.97
(Accum Units)	929.30	982.80	+ 7.00	2.97
Dividend	37.70	39.90	+ 0.30	4.82
(Accum Units)	158.20	167.50	+ 1.30	4.82
Equity Income	330.90	349.90	+ 1.20	5.03
(Accum Units)	421.20	445.30	+ 1.80	5.03
Euro & General	479.40	507.00	+ 4.80	1.08
(Accum Units)	606.40	641.30	+ 6.20	1.08
Euro Dividend	66.10	69.90	+ 0.74	3.79
(Accum Units)	79.60	84.20	+ 0.90	3.79
Euro Yield	396.60	419.40	+ 2.90	4.84
(Accum Units)	£12.30	£13.01	+ 9.20	4.84
Far Eastern	327.80	346.70	+ 4.90	0.97
(Accum Units)	434.30	459.30	+ 6.40	0.97
Fund of Inv Tsts	575.60	608.70	- 1.10	2.17
(Accum Units)	£10.75	£11.37	+ 2.10	2.17
General	57.80	61.13	+ 0.30	3.88
(Accum Units)	162.50	172.00	- 1.00	3.88
Gilt Income	58.34	58.44	+ 0.06	8.22
(Accum Units)	159.97	160.26	+ 0.18	8.22
Gold	63.40	67.00	- 0.70	0.93
(Accum Units)	74.90	79.10	- 0.80	0.93
High Income	27.00	28.50	+ 0.10	4.90
(Accum Units)	108.20	114.60	+ 0.50	4.90
Intl Growth	72.50	76.70	+ 0.70	1.12
(Accum Units)	126.20	133.60	+ 1.20	1.12
International Inc	53.50	56.50	- 1.00	4.68
(Accum Units)	138.80	146.90	+ 1.80	4.88
Japan & Gen	48.90	51.70	+ 0.10	
(Accum Units)	52.50	55.50	+ 0.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	171.20	181.00	+ 0.50	
(Accum Units)	172.40	182.30	+ 0.60	
Managed Income	26.30	27.60	+ 0.10	4.09
Midland	59.20	62.60	+ 0.10	3.17
(Accum Units)	197.80	209.30	+ 0.40	3.17
Pension Ex	685.60	907.80	+ 5.30	4.48
Recovery	39.00	41.20	+ 0.30	2.77
(Accum Units)	64.00	67.80	+ 0.40	2.77
Second General	67.60	71.50	+ 0.30	3.52
(Accum Units)	175.50	185.70	+ 9.60	3.52
Smaller Cos	66.80	70.60	+ 0.10	3.15
(Accum Units)	131.10	138.60	- 0.10	3.15
Sterling Hi Int	23.55	23.64	+ 0.01	8.85
Treasury	25.05	25.10	+ 0.01	5.71
Trustee	39.70	42.00	+ 0.20	4.60
(Accum Units)	160.00	169.40	+ 0.90	4.60
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0277 261 018 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	77.22	82.14	+ 1.40	0.90
Intl Bond	60.05	63.14	+ 0.46	6.03
Intl Equity Growth	67.43	71.73	+ 0.76	0.56
N Amer Growth	90.06	95.82	+ 1.18	1.06
Special Sits Growth	20.53	21.83	+ 0.18	1.80
UK Growth	354.80	377.40	+ 3.30	2.82
(Accum Units)	462.80	492.30	+ 4.40	2.82
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.24	£12.49	..	3.30
Income #	928.30	941.00	..	4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	136.90	140.60	. .	4.34
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	190.10	205.30	+ 2.00	2.48
Gilt & Fxd Int	168.60	174.90	+ 0.30	6.90
Intl Growth	200.50	213.70	+ 2.00	0.29
North American	175.30	187.20	+ 2.10	0.62
Far East	246.80	264.60	+ 4.20	1.22
UK Smaller Cos	166.30	177.90		1.71
European	78.76	83.80	+ 0.80	0.19
Japanese Growth	48.90	51.99	+ 0.17	
High Income	182.00	194.70	+ 2.00	5.25
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	144.80	152.50	+ 0.99	2.25
-do- Accum	166.60	175.30	+ 0.99	2.25
UK Sel Pfolio	124.60	131.20	+ 1.16	2.46
-do- Accum	144.90	152.50	+ 1.16	2.46
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 0284 364 842				
Managed Tst	62.78	66.79		4.06
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	68.08	72.27	- 0.53	4.48
European	77.04	81.78	+ 0.82	0.34
Income #	71.02	75.39	+ 0.40	5.84
Nth American	58.57	62.18	+ 0.53	0.68
Far East	160.10	178.00	- 2.40	..
Japan	57.11	60.63	+ 0.18	..
Emrgng Mkts	93.04	99.51	- 5.36	..
Intl Growth	103.50	109.90	+ 1.30	0.66
UK Growth	86.77	92.11	+ 1.58	0.80
UK Smlr Co	44.66	47.41	+ 0.04	0.84
Asian Opps Fd	35.04	37.48	+ 0.73	0.14
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Income	399.07	424.54	+ 4.85	4.20
Global Inc	65.40	69.57	- 0.57	2.97
Brit Leaders	326.89	347.76	+ 4.52	2.57
Intl Leaders	190.91	203.16	+ 1.41	0.81
PAM Mg Bal Grh	60.05	62.39	- 0.27	0.87
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 071 280 2080				
American	191.10	202.90	+ 2.100	..
(Accum Units)	204.20	216.90	- 2.200	..
American Opps	86.23	91.98	+ 0.850	
(Accum Units)	87.31	93.13	+ 0.870	
British Blue Chip	75.59	80.34	+ 0.850	3.01
(Accum Units)	93.13	99.06	+ 1.060	3.01
Cash	101.00	101.00		5.88
(Accum Units)*	137.40	137.40		5.88
Emerging Mkts	101.20	108.80	+ 3.100	0.13
(Accum Units)	101.30	108.90	+ 3.100	0.13
European Growth	234.60	248.60	- 2.400	0.18
(Accum Units)	252.90	267.90	+ 2.500	0.18
European Income	78.39	82.82	+ 0.780	3.47
(Accum Units)	105.40	111.30	+ 1.100	3.47
General	474.80	506.20	+ 4.100	2.45
(Accum Units)	925.60	986.80	+ 7.900	2.45
Global Bond	118.20	124.30	+ 0.300	5.55
(Accum Units)	142.50	149.70	+ 0.300	5.58
Gold & General	209.80	225.60	- 0.90	0.42
(Accum Units)	215.40	231.60	- 0.80	0.40
Govt Securities	87.45	90.16	+ 0.150	6.38
(Accum Units)	170.20	175.50	+ 0.300	6.38
Income	144.00	153.30	+ 1.200	4.53
(Accum Units)	223.10	237.40	+ 1.800	4.53
Inc Portfolio #	92.11	97.78	- 0.750	5.32
(Accum Units) #	93.15	98.88	+ 0.760	5.32
Intl Opps	436.10	464.50	+ 3.800	0.35
(Accum Units)	581.70	619.60	+ 5.300	0.35
Japan	184.90	196.10	+ 0.600	
(Accum Units)	189.90	201.30	+ 0.800	..
New Europe	171.40	182.80	+ 1.400	0.77
(Accum Units)	175.20	186.90	+ 1.400	0.77
Pacific	107.50	114.70	- 1.400	0.89
(Accum Units)	115.00	122.70	+ 1.400	0.89
Recovery	279.90	298.60	+ 2.000	0.87
(Accum Units)	357.20	381.00	+ 2.300	0.87
UK Smaller Cos	54.08	57.69	- 0.06	0.89
(Accum Units)	61.14	65.22	- 0.06	0.89
Portfolio	76.15	80.91	+ 0.560	2.85
(Accum Units)	89.41	95.00	+ 0.860	2.85
Managed Grth	94.34	98.85	+ 0.780	1.92
Managed Inc	97.45	101.10	+ 0.700	4.45
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 0707 662 233				
Evergrowth Plus	109.25	116.22	+ 1.23	0.92
Portfolio	63.74	67.81	+ 0.62	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.38	77.00	+ 0.60	4.87
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.54	60.25	+ 0.42	3.32
(Accum Units)	60.54	63.33	+ 0.44	3.32
British Tst	79.89	83.64	+ 1.22	2.00
(Accum Units)	91.83	96.15	+ 1.40	2.00
Euro High Inc	85.33	89.41	- 0.25	6.78
(Accum Units)	126.40	132.30	+ 0.40	6.78
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.59	54.02	- 1.27	3.27
FT-SE 100 Dist	50.81	53.20	+ 1.35	3.27
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.42	54.55	+ 0.07	7.29
(Accum Units)	151.60	157.80	+ 0.20	7.29
High Yield	213.70	223.80	+ 1.30	5.73
(Accum Units)	535.30	560.50	+ 3.30	5.73
Income	276.10	289.10	+ 2.70	3.61
(Accum Units)	600.70	629.00	+ 6.0	3.61
Money Market UT	49.76	49.76	+ 0.02	5.40
(Accum Units)	77.40	77.40	+ 0.03	5.40
Monthly Income	82.31	86.19	+ 0.42	6.14
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	95.69	101.80	- 1.40	1.93
European Growth	101.00	107.10	- 0.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	82.50	87.54	+ 0.13	6.34
Income	81.53	86.73	+ 0.68	2.95
Japan Growth	54.00	57.24	- 0.31	..
Managed	65.94	70.15	+ 0.48	2.51
Money Market	86.51	91.78	+ 0.04	4.38
North American	84.32	89.38	- 0.07	0.80
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	86.92	92.47	+ 1.29	1.91
European Growth	95.65	100.80	- 0.30	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Inc	78.86	83.45	+ 0.11	6.30
Income	80.09	85.20	+ 0.86	3.01
Japan Growth	53.88	57.11	- 0.30	..
Managed	63.08	67.11	+ 1.15	2.48
Money Market	79.99	84.79	+ 0.04	4.33
North American	76.80	81.51	- 0.06	0.80
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	86.90	92.45	+ 1.29	1.90
European Growth	92.79	98.36	- 0.30	
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.07	76.46	+ 0.08	6.45
Income	79.13	84.18	+ 0.85	3.04
Japan Growth	55.13	58.44	- 0.31	..
Managed	65.87	70.07	+ 0.49	2.47
Money Market	74.59	79.08	+ 0.03	4.40
North American	85.13	90.24	- 0.07	0.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 071 497 6985				
International (US$)	11.98	12.72	..	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	324.80	345.20	+ 3.30	
European Gth Inc	429.80	488.40	+ 4.50	0.29
(Accum Units)	434.50	465.40	+ 4.80	0.29
Intl Gwth	189.80	202.20	+ 1.70	
UK Equity Inc	175.80	187.90	+ 1.40	3.18
UK Ind Tech Inc	152.20	163.80	+ 1.30	2.75
(Accum Units)	178.70	191.40	+ 1.60	2.75
US Eq Intl Trt Inc	190.10	201.60	+ 2.50	1.51
Japan Tracker	77.35	81.63	+ 0.37	
Asian Trader	181.20	198.38	+ 3.30	0.31
Managed Inc	148.20	158.29	+ 0.80	1.47
Deposit Inc	99.66	99.66	+ 0.02	5.73
Europe	177.30	184.60	+ 2.50	0.28
Specials	150.60	165.10	+ 0.80	2.20
High Income	21.27	22.59	+ 0.21	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.30	92.37	+ 0.73	2.46
Acumen Inc	85.47	87.43	+ 0.78	2.45
Acumen Reserve	81.23	82.04	+ 0.31	8.38
-do- Inc	69.75	70.44	+ 0.26	8.38
American Growth #	158.20	154.80	+ 2.40	1.01
Cash Income	49.87	49.87	+ 0.01	5.13
Equity Income #	90.92	93.38	+ 0.81	4.56
European	87.88	93.34	+ 0.37	..
Smaller Cos	75.34	78.91	- 0.20	0.98
Olympiad	61.90	63.38	+ 1.14	0.31
Global Bond	41.91	42.98	+ 0.18	6.71
UK Growth	88.50	91.01	+ 0.81	1.75
Pacific Growth	93.39	96.87	+ 2.32	..
Japan Growth	94.73	96.38	+ 0.21	..
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	116.29	123.71	+ 1.25	2.91
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	71.50	76.07	+ 0.81	2.25
UK Income	101.60	108.10	- 0.10	4.19
Higher Income	204.00	217.10	+ 1.40	5.01
Smaller Cos	79.60	84.69		2.13
International	92.30	98.20	+ 0.87	1.89
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 071 623 4200				
American Dist	98.75	105.62	+ 0.94	0.13
European Dist	105.20	112.50	+ 2.00	..
Far East Dist	170.50	182.40	+ 1.60	..
Global Cars Dist	65.27	69.81	+ 0.41	1.17
Oseas Dist	973.20	£10.40	+ 10.10	0.08
(Accum Units)	£12.63	£13.51	+ 13.10	0.08
UK Dist	327.40	350.20	+ 4.30	2.33
(Accum Units)	642.30	686.90	+ 8.50	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.98	79.12	+ 0.38	4.43
Wwide Dist	101.20	108.20	+ 0.90	0.35
Wwide Inc Dist	67.19	71.86	+ 0.59	2.82
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 0277 690 260 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	61.37	64.77	+ 0.99	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	55.86	58.96	+ 0.48	0.88
North America Inc	47.21	49.83	+ 0.23	0.52
UK Equity Grth Inc	56.22	59.34	+ 0.60	2.11
(Accum Units)	58.36	61.59	+ 0.63	2.11
UK General Inc	55.06	58.11	+ 0.55	2.58
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	45.20	47.59	+ 0.06	7.38
UK Income Inc	55.25	58.31	+ 0.54	3.89
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 66 80				
Income	219.91	233.95	+ 1.98	3.51
Global	312.28	332.22	+ 2.37	0.13
General	177.31	188.63	+ 1.20	1.63
Bond	111.30	118.07	+ 0.86	6.34
Growth	119.18	126.71	+ 1.08	2.43
Intrepid	112.62	117.32		1.80
Bridge Fund	84.61	90.02		2.20
Distribution	88.18	93.81	+ 0.79	3.19
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	34.14	36.31	+ 0.10	
Cash Income	50.27	50.27	+ 0.02	5.51
European Gwth	37.77	40.23	+ 0.36	0.18
Income & Gwth Inc	25.87	27.66	+ 0.23	4.87
Intnl Gwth	28.37	30.34	+ 0.28	0.54
Japan Gwth	27.46	29.38	- 0.15	
Managed Tst Inc	45.28	48.42	+ 0.35	2.58
Oriental Opps Inc	124.80	133.40	+ 3.60	
Property Shares	35.11	37.55	+ 0.42	0.83
Smaller Cos	29.79	31.86	+ 0.69	1.72
UK Growth Tst	24.65	26.36	+ 0.31	3.02
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	68.71	73.48	+ 0.60	1.73
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.08	68.51	+ 0.92	2.91
Exempt (E)	29.84	30.79		1.76
Foundation	88.39	94.53	+ 0.53	3.44
German	49.00	52.18	+ 0.44	
High Income	70.86	75.78	+ 0.45	6.45
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	77.45	82.84	+ 1.39	4.87
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	117.30	124.75	+ 0.90	1.99
UK Equity	131.45	139.84	+ 1.67	3.14
UK Equity Income	124.35	132.29	+ 1.27	3.59
UK Smaller Cos	112.13	119.29	+ 0.02	1.72
UK Equity Growth	122.77	130.61	+ 1.49	2.27
UK Index Trckg	133.02	141.51	+ 0.42	3.58
Intl Index Trckg	138.93	147.80	+ 1.34	1.14
International	222.83	237.05	+ 2.33	0.33
European	188.22	200.23	+ 2.47	0.22
Pan European	125.72	133.75	+ 1.91	1.30
Nth American	160.56	170.81	+ 1.78	0.28
N Amer Smlr Cos	177.07	188.37	+ 0.55	..
Japanese	97.60	103.83	- 0.15	..
Pacific	217.86	231.77	+ 2.16	0.06
South East Asian	228.71	243.31	+ 5.05	0.38
Intl Bond	124.86	132.75	- 2.06	5.54
Gilt & Convertible	99.98	106.26	+ 0.07	6.74
Property	82.05	87.29	+ 0.04	5.13
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 0256 768 888				
European Inc	251.50	270.20	+ 2.80	..
(Accum Units)	266.10	286.00	+ 3.00	...
Japan Inc	111.00	118.50	- 0.10	...
Nth American Inc	103.90	111.70	+ 0.80	...
Worldwide Inc	157.00	168.90	+ 1.60	0.19
Hong Kong Inc	115.90	124.20	+ 3.80	1.55
Swiss Equities Inc	64.90	69.46	- 0.02	..
Wwide Bond Inc	59.49	62.98	+ 0.17	5.10
Emrging Asia Inc	208.60	217.30	- 2.50	..
(Accum Units)	201.40	218.10	- 2.30	..
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.38	50.38	+ 0.01	5.25
Thailand Inc	156.50	168.00	+ 16.30	1.15
Gold Trust Inc	72.66	78.56	- 0.45	0.20
New Zealand Inc	84.47	91.18	+ 0.32	1.75
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	61.97	66.63	+ 0.78	0.64
Latin Am Grop Inc	68.11	73.70	+ 4.00	0.21
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	56.21	60.31	+ 0.74	2.50
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	75.59	80.85	- 0.42	..
Global Portfolio	67.63	72.33	- 0.49	..
Global Opps	67.45	72.14	- 0.57	..
Marsh Global Gth	62.42	66.19	+ 0.16	..
AAM Global Equity	51.09	54.15	- 0.34	..
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	84.79	81.24	+ 0.82	..
Temple Equity Inc	42.42	46.27	+ 0.24	3.40
Hartley Growth	72.47	78.81	- 0.05	0.26
Ing Growth Inc	82.76	88.51	- 0.73	0.62
IPS Portfolio Inc	80.47	86.06	- 0.36	...
St Jams Nht Inc Inc	46.13	47.98	+ 0.03	...
Premier Ptrtns Inc	65.46	70.01	+ 0.81	1.22
Roxburgh Stsr Cib	69.38	74.20	- 0.10	..
Tech Analysts	95.60	101.79	+ 1.30	..
Rosebery Growth	47.77	52.03	- 0.54	..
International Strat	73.41	78.51	- 0.90	0.08
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	52.04	56.17	- 0.42	...
Coverdale Topout	47.74	51.85	- 0.37	..
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Ind Growth	43.87	46.18	+ 0.18	0.93
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	230.20	244.90	+ 2.00	2.82
(Accum Units)	486.00	516.90	+ 4.20	2.82
Growth	149.90	157.70	+ 1.10	2.74
Income	228.60	243.10	+ 1.80	3.86
Intl Equity	240.00	255.20	+ 2.90	1.07
(Accum Units)	265.20	282.10	+ 3.20	1.07
UK Income	63.10	67.12	+ 0.49	3.34
UK Intl 25	78.23	81.09	+ 0.81	2.18
New Europe	75.61	80.43	+ 1.22	0.38
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	566.83	608.24	+ 6.57	0.44
(Accum Units)	567.42	606.87	+ 6.58	0.44
Income	332.16	355.26	+ 4.78	3.37
Wwide Recovery	360.43	385.49	+ 2.93	0.03
Amer Growth Inc	209.90	224.50	+ 1.51	0.01
(Accum Units)	209.90	224.50	+ 1.51	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	231.76	247.89	+ 4.75	0.10
Far Estn Grth Inc	265.77	284.25	- 0.60	0.01
(Accum Units)	265.77	284.25	- 0.50	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	135.53	144.96	+ 1.59	0.71
(Accum Units)	135.95	145.41	+ 2.00	0.71
UK Growth Inc	85.15	91.07	+ 1.06	2.71
(Accum Units)	87.22	93.29	+ 1.09	2.71
High Income	90.40	96.69	+ 1.08	4.16
Jap Grth Inc	225.91	240.58	- 0.50	0.01
(Accum Units)	225.91	240.58	- 0.50	0.01
PEP Growth	112.33	120.14	+ 7.16	0.89
Asian Sth Mkts Inc	115.27	123.29	+ 2.80	0.01
(Accum Units)	115.27	123.29	+ 2.80	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	122.32	130.83	+ 1.35	0.01
(Accum Units)	122.32	130.83	+ 1.35	0.01
Global Bond	52.94	55.77	+ 0.34	5.98
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.98	84.48	+ 1.44	1.33
(Accum Units)	82.06	87.77	+ 1.50	1.33
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 091 201 3927				
American	94.27	100.29	- 0.22	..
European	68.12	72.47	- 0.44	...
Global	60.36	64.21	- 0.67	..
Pacific	57.88	61.58	- 1.24	..
UK Inc & Gth	62.19	66.16	- 0.25	1.92
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0533 530 540				
Brit Director Digs	93.21	99.27	- 0.19	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	151.80	159.79	- 1.86	0.60
Energy Mkts	45.84	48.25	+ 0.31	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.93	61.40	+ 0.29	2.52
Growth Income	60.96	64.61	+ 0.41	2.76
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	126.50	134.66	+ 0.96	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 440				
American Income	86.50	92.44	- 0.10	3.73
Conv & Gilt	110.60	117.70	+ 0.10	6.16
European Income	70.32	74.81	+ 1.01	3.02
Extra Income	144.10	153.20	+ 1.20	3.85
(Accum Units)	174.80	185.90	+ 1.50	3.85
Far East	380.80	405.10	+ 2.20	0.88
(Accum Units)	388.00	412.80	+ 2.40	0.88
Global Income	24.20	25.74	- 0.16	4.57
High Income	109.70	116.70	- 0.80	3.63
(Accum Units)	130.10	138.50	+ 0.90	3.63
International	196.50	209.10	+ 2.80	0.66
(Accum Units)	202.50	215.50	+ 3.02	0.66
Pref & Fxd Int	42.05	45.27	- 0.56	7.61
Recovery	68.12	72.47	- 0.43	2.61
Special Sits	103.10	109.70	+ 0.40	1.14
(Accum Units)	111.50	118.60	+ 0.40	1.14
Technology	355.30	373.00	+ 2.60	..
UK Blue Chip	65.95	70.16	+ 0.65	2.66
(Accum Units)	73.15	77.82	+ 0.72	2.66
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0622 674 751				
General	50.44	53.66	+ 0.73	2.22
International	87.26	92.83	+ 0.77	0.39
Gilt	23.56	24.28	+ 0.03	6.74
Income & Gwth	67.42	71.72	+ 0.71	4.88
European	50.22	53.43	+ 0.90	0.44
American	50.46	53.68	+ 0.50	
Emerging Mkts	67.72	72.04	+ 1.69	0.06
UK Smaller Cos	28.43	30.24	+ 0.10	1.71
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.41	25.97	+ 0.04	7.19
Global PEP	36.72	39.06	- 0.54	1.31
For Providence Capitol see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	164.30	174.80	- 1.30	1.80
European Gth	94.63	100.40	- 1.0	0.39
Income & Gth #	126.20	134.30	+ 1.20	3.31
Japan Gth	123.30	130.90	+ 0.60	
Nth Amer Gth	113.30	120.50	+ 1.60	0.17
Overseas Gth	86.04	91.53	+ 0.98	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 917 4490				
Managed Tst	35.28	36.45	+ 0.32	1.58
Cash Haven Inc	101.46	101.96	+ 0.04	4.89
Cash Haven Acc	111.07	111.62	+ 0.04	4.89
Dist Trust Inc	92.63	95.98	+ 0.67	6.24
Dist Trust Acc	95.79	98.26	+ 0.69	6.24
Global Growth	85.62	91.08	+ 0.87	1.17
Equity Inc	79.87	84.96	- 1.79	3.78
Equity	690.51	734.89	+ 8.67	2.24
European	204.25	211.65	+ 3.32	1.13
High Income	86.76	92.31	- 1.16	4.94
Intl Gth	172.83	183.85	- 2.04	1.06
Intl Sm Co	74.34	79.08	- 0.41	0.44
Japanese	220.97	233.98	- 0.26	
Nth Amer	157.89	163.72	+ 1.65	1.89
Pacific Mkts	94.16	97.57	+ 2.07	0.39
Premier Inc	45.92	47.79	+ 0.08	4.99
Sm Cos	83.78	89.12	- 0.03	1.53
Spec Sits	103.05	109.62	- 0.24	2.14
UK Growth	117.21	124.69	+ 2.63	2.29
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 0892 510 033				
British Life	256.80	306.10	+ 2.60	3.24
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD 091 385 2555				
Managed	91.89	97.50	..	2.29
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	498.52	530.62	+ 3.98	0.34
FA America (Acc)	562.62	620.35	+ 4.66	0.34
FA UK Equity Inc	150.61	160.60	- 1.45	3.61
FA Japan	263.14	280.05	- 1.12	..
FA Major UK Cos	91.01	97.11	+ 1.06	2.35
FA Smlr UK Cos	280.87	305.75	- 0.03	1.34
FA European	303.18	321.72	+ 0.75	0.53
FA Amer Smlr Cos	42.50	45.62	+ 0.33	.
FA Asia	44.23	47.38	+ 0.97	.
FA Jap Smlr Cos	52.30	56.02	+ 0.13	.
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.46	97.32	+ 1.05	
UK Smlr Cos	80.80	85.05	- 0.01	...
UK Income	91.31	96.11	+ 0.87	
America	100.14	105.40	+ 0.79	
Japanese	57.88	60.92	+ 0.25	.
European	96.97	102.07	+ 0.25	
Gilt	85.06	89.53	- 0.09	
Deposit	83.11	87.48	+ 0.04	
Managed	94.81	99.80	+ 0.72	..
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.04	94.77	+ 1.03	...
UK Smaller Cos	78.95	83.10	- 0.01	..
UK Income	89.11	93.79	+ 0.85	
America	97.48	102.60	+ 0.77	
Japanese	56.35	59.31	+ 0.29	
European	94.44	99.40	+ 0.23	..
Gilt	84.23	88.66	+ 0.10	
Deposit	79.17	83.33	+ 0.05	...
Managed	89.05	93.73	+ 0.68	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	75.21	80.21	+ 0.89	0.23
Pacific Basin	75.62	81.43	+ 0.41	
High Inc Dist	127.90	136.70	+ 1.20	5.20
Ryl Life Int Crny	57.09	60.71	+ 0.26	4.32
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.12	69.52	+ 0.52	0.026
Ryl Life Intl Spec	61.29	65.19	+ 0.52	
UK Emerging Cos	123.20	133.10	- 0.40	1.16
UK Index Trckg	155.50	165.70	- 0.28	3.46
European	123.70	133.00	+ 1.40	0.29
Managed	140.90	151.50	+ 1.00	0.84
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0206 764 400				
American Growth	139.30	147.40	..	0.54
European Growth	106.10	112.20	..	0.98
Far East Growth	117.70	125.30	..	0.52
Japan Growth	135.40	144.00	...	
Special Sits	181.40	192.90	..	1.66
UK Growth	72.68	77.31	..	2.65
Triton General	226.49	240.90		0.80
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	154.70	163.70	+ 1.99	0.34
Gir Euro Prog Inc	330.60	350.10	+ 3.50	0.52
(Accum Units)	514.30	544.20	- 5.30	0.52
Growth Inc	127.50	134.90	+ 2.00	0.56
(Accum Units)	129.90	137.50	+ 2.10	0.58
International Inc	328.70	347.80	+ 4.30	0.43
(Accum Units)	450.80	477.00	+ 5.90	0.43
Nth Am & Intl Inc	301.20	318.70	+ 0.60	1.27
UK Gen Prog Inc	214.80	227.30	+ 0.70	1.21
UK High Inc Inc	125.70	133.00	+ 0.80	3.88
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	61.22	65.12	+ 0.46	
Amer Smlr Cos	73.38	78.06	+ 0.38	..
Asian Gwth	100.89	107.32	+ 2.00	0.75
European Gwth	64.32	68.42	+ 0.59	1.00
Global Bd	57.73	61.06	- 0.33	5.00
Global Eq	59.96	63.79	+ 0.30	0.50
Japanese Eq	54.98	58.48	- 0.07	..
Japan Sm Cos	64.85	68.98	- 0.07	..
UK Gen	51.06	54.31	+ 0.35	2.80
UK Gwth	57.17	60.81	+ 0.12	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	64.91	69.05	+ 0.56	4.34
Amer Smlr Cos	106.20	113.00	+ 1.0	..
Asian Smlr Cos	42.98	45.72	+ 0.39	.
Capital Portfolio	122.90	130.70	+ 0.58	1.97
Capital	156.60	166.60	+ 1.80	1.23
Cash	125.70	125.70		5.31
China Dragon	51.00	54.25	+ 1.41	0.90
Commodity	128.60	136.80	+ 0.30	0.36
Eastern Discovery	95.60	101.70	+ 1.0	..
Emerging Mkts	37.50	39.89	+ 0.57	..
Energy Inds	114.40	121.70	+ 0.80	0.48
European Gwth	182.90	194.80	+ 1.50	..
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.31	80.12	+ 0.71	2.02
Euro Smllr Cos	50.68	53.91	+ 0.21	..
Extra Income #	50.19	51.76	+ 0.15	6.03
Financial Secs	188.80	201.90	+ 1.80	1.07
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.55	50.19	+ 0.11	9.02
Gold & Exploration	79.98	85.09	- 0.49	..
High Return #	216.80	230.80	+ 2.30	4.46
High Yield #	219.30	233.39	+ 2.10	4.01
Income #	118.50	123.80	+ 1.20	4.42
Intl Bond	158.70	167.80	+ 1.10	5.67
ITU	197.20	209.80	+ 0.80	1.61
Japan Growth	178.90	190.30	+ 0.90	...
Japan Smaller	184.60	207.00	+ 1.10	...
Korea	63.14	67.17	- 1.89	..
Mastertrust	53.97	57.41	+ 0.84	0.79
Scotbits	285.00	303.20	+ 2.20	1.50
Scotshares #	276.20	293.80	+ 3.10	2.59
Scotyields #	231.00	245.70	+ 2.30	3.84
Select Intl	136.80	145.50	+ 1.60	0.35
Smaller Cos Inc #	237.40	252.60	+ 0.10	3.61
SE Asia	49.72	52.89	+ 0.51	.
Special Situation	119.40	127.00	+ 1.30	1.25
UK Equity #	237.50	252.70	- 3.40	2.91
UK Growth	61.67	65.61	+ 0.72	1.52
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	45.58	48.49	- 0.02	0.80
US Growth	140.40	149.40	+ 1.50	0.48
Univ Growth	136.60	145.30	+ 1.50	0.71
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Cht: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	241.95	257.32	+ 1.49	1.07
(Accum Units)	264.27	281.05	+ 1.82	1.07
European Gwth	72.02	76.60	+ 1.03	1.29
Euro Smlr Cos	74.79	79.77	+ 0.82	0.14
Far Eastern Gth	90.60	96.63	+ 0.72	
(Accum Units)	92.23	98.38	+ 0.74	
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.65	52.34	- 0.11	8.99
Global Bond	47.46	49.84	+ 0.22	6.52
(Accum Units)	52.15	53.89	+ 0.24	6.52
Global Emer Mkts	49.40	52.69	+ 0.72	..
(Accum Units)	49.40	52.69	+ 0.72	..
Income	335.33	357.88	+ 3.84	4.15
(Accum Units)	£10.44	£11.14	+ 11.89	4.15
Japan Smlr Cos	503.83	537.52	+ 2.86	..
(Accum Units)	504.94	538.60	+ 2.80	..
Japan Enterprise	71.36	76.11	+ 0.47	..
Pacific Gwth	117.11	124.91	+ 1.53	..
(Accum Units)	120.89	128.94	+ 1.58	..
Portfolio	77.19	82.33	+ 0.78	2.07
(Accum Units)	83.17	88.79	+ 0.83	2.07
Seoul	48.01	51.96	- 1.37	..
(Accum Units)	48.01	51.96	- 1.37	..
Smaller Cos	205.93	219.65	+ 0.33	1.11
Tokyo	127.05	135.51	+ 0.74	..
(Accum Units)	128.22	136.87	+ 0.74	..
UK Enterprise	235.01	250.67	+ 1.42	2.09
(Accum Units)	281.99	300.79	+ 4.18	2.09
UK Equity	227.30	242.45	+ 2.40	2.83
(Accum Units)	441.68	471.12	+ 4.68	2.83
US Smlr Cos	153.34	163.56	+ 0.82	..
(Accum Units)	45.03	48.00	+ 0.46	0.47
Institutional Funds				
European	227.65	236.94	+ 3.51	1.39
(Accum Units)	252.97	263.26	+ 4.42	1.35
Euro Smlr Cos	27.78	28.87	+ 0.13	1.66
(Accum Units)	29.45	30.67	+ 0.13	1.66
Global Equity Inc	74.66	77.77	- 0.78	0.86
Japan Smlr Cos	40.40	42.08	- 0.14	.
(Accum Units)	40.72	42.40	- 0.14	.
Mngd Balanced	177.89	185.08	+ 1.85	3.01
(Accum Units)	200.46	208.80	+ 1.85	3.01
Overseas Equity	180.53	188.46	+ 2.21	0.89
(Accum Units)	187.33	195.14	+ 2.29	0.89
Oseas Smlr Cos	121.37	126.42	+ 0.83	0.74
(Accum Units)	126.58	131.84	+ 0.86	0.74
Pacific	222.67	231.94	+ 4.59	1.38
(Accum Units)	242.97	253.09	+ 5.01	1.38
Recovery	217.36	218.08	- 3.49	3.00
(Accum Units)	£18.35	£19.11	- 16.24	3.00
UK Index	147.59	153.73	+ 1.22	3.42
(Accum Units)	180.69	187.50	+ 1.50	3.42
UK Small Cos	109.92	114.49	+ 0.08	2.71
(Accum Units)	116.49	121.34	+ 0.09	2.71
US Smlr Cos	44.24	46.08	+ 0.46	0.47
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.34	51.48	+ 0.18	3.62
Equity Trust	58.43	62.23	+ 0.25	2.44
Equity Strategy	67.06	71.42	+ 0.15	1.82
European Opps	82.70	88.08	+ 0.56	0.85
UK Smaller Cos	60.97	64.93	- 0.11	0.83
Interests	99.59	102.17	+ 0.03	6.63
Japanese	78.43	83.53	- 0.05	..
Asia Pacific	110.76	117.98	+ 1.27	1.19
American	96.00	102.34	+ 0.89	0.71
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.84	30.84	+ 0.01	5.333
UK General Inc	49.45	52.74	+ 0.52	2.84
(Accum Units)	63.60	67.73	+ 0.68	2.84
Intl Income	263.80	280.60	+ 2.60	1.01
(Accum Units)	452.80	481.70	+ 4.40	1.01
European	76.82	81.48	+ 1.07	1.47
Japan	70.11	74.28	+ 0.21	0.06
American	63.76	67.48	+ 0.73	1.92
Far East	79.76	85.08	+ 0.33	0.76
Ethical Inc	23.41	25.20	- 0.09	2.52
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.65	33.69	- 0.23	2.56
High Inc Inc	34.37	36.63	- 0.22	3.63
UK Global Inc	32.24	34.32	- 0.30	1.57
Wlwide Tact	69.52	74.07	- 0.30	1.76
Europe 2000 Tact	51.12	54.27	- 0.33	1.51
Technology	104.58	111.33	- 0.13	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	257.60	273.71	- 4.20	1.97
American	243.80	259.20	- 3.50	1.53
Pacific	365.40	387.70	- 5.50	0.18
European	527.10	560.70	- 5.50	1.12
Worldwide	82.93	88.70	- 1.50	0.53
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	359.60	375.20	- 4.30	2.12
(Accum Units)	325.40	347.20	- 3.90	2.12
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	193.10	206.20	- 0.40	1.30
(Accum Units)	236.10	247.90	- 0.80	1.30
Select Opportunity Inc	63.97	68.27	- 0.75	1.92
Income Plus Inc	92.11	98.53	- 0.75	4.19
European Inc	321.90	353.10	- 5.80	2.47
(Accum Units)	374.60	396.60	- 3.50	2.47
Far Eastern Inc	162.40	173.70	- 2.60	0.72
(Accum Units)	182.60	194.30	- 2.80	0.72
Japanese Inc	62.06	66.13	- 0.15	
(Accum Units)	230.30	246.00	- 1.40	0.40
Nth American Inc	253.50	269.50	- 1.40	0.60
(Accum Units)	193.60	206.00	- 2.20	0.65
Intl Growth Inc	193.60	206.00	- 2.20	0.65
Wwide Venture Inc	77.06	82.12	- 0.69	0.75
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	347.70	370.30	- 1.10	2.85
(Accum Units)	509.00	542.90	- 1.90	2.85
UK High Inc	175.50	187.20	- 1.10	3.79
(Accum Units)	253.40	270.30	- 1.60	3.79
Europe Inc	350.00	372.20	- 1.90	0.78
Nth Amer Inc	205.20	219.30	- 1.50	2.09
Global Inc	129.60	138.20	- 1.20	1.22
UK Spec Sits Inc	33.52	35.47	- 0.30	2.11
South East Asia	234.80	250.10	- 2.60	0.67
Cash Trust Inc	100.50	103.50	- 0.10	5.21
UK Smlr Cos Inc	98.42	104.80	- 1.10	2.80
(Accum Units)	99.50	106.00	- 1.10	2.80
Intl Bond Inc	86.73	92.67	- 0.56	6.25
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	145.20	152.50	+ 1.90	4.37
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	120.70	127.60	- 1.40	3.50
Nth American	98.90	104.40	- 1.20	3.50
Intl Bond & Conv	118.60	125.40	- 2.20	4.73
Pooled Pension (T)	177.20	187.60		
Smaller Cos	70.70	74.60	- 2.54	1.50
UK General	123.20	129.30	- 1.30	2.10
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund	97.33		- 2.26	.
Aztec	93.40		- 3.40	
European	118.30		- 0.30	
Global Bond	93.06		- 0.32	7.71
Sameract	32.94		- 1.29	
UK Growth	95.47		- 3.15	2.75
Tai Pan	98.63		- 1.37	
UK Emerg Leaders	98.74		+ 0.32	1.48
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 071 637 5377				
American	290.30	322.10	- 5.60	0.14
Canadian	62.80	66.48	- 1.33	0.53
Capital	117.80	125.30	- 0.30	1.44
Cash	101.20	101.20	- 0.01	5.54
European	129.80	136.30	- 1.10	0.74
Far Eastern	152.40	157.30	- 1.90	
Growth	129.10	135.50	- 0.30	1.22
Income	125.25	132.80		5.11
Magnum	126.40	135.30	- 0.29	1.42
Smllr Secs	363.70	384.50	- 1.80	0.53
Thoroughbred	147.10	157.50	- 0.30	1.23
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0202 298 422				
Cash	49.25	51.45	- 0.02	5.30
Cntrld Prfrnce	54.73	57.35	- 0.15	8.10
Ethical	52.74	56.11	- 0.23	3.09
European Growth	71.47	76.23	- 2.66	2.30
Income	52.61	56.11	- 0.45	6.63
Intl Growth	96.11	102.50	- 0.50	2.95
Managed	79.74	85.05	- 0.63	3.79
UK Growth	59.39	63.03	- 0.57	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.64	39.72	- 0.10	1.79
Global Advtg Acc	39.34	42.34	- 0.10	1.79
Income Advtg Inc	30.46	32.59	- 0.12	4.82
Income Advtg Acc	33.44	35.45	- 0.15	4.53
UK Equity Gth Acc	62.45	66.23	- 0.10	1.35
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.39	51.42		1.91
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.79	36.97	+ 0.10	4.64
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.10	45.60	- 0.10	4.64
UK Equity Gen Acc	59.55	63.28	- 0.20	2.33
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.05	46.81	+ 0.20	2.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.74	31.46	- 0.10	6.36
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	309.40	326.00	- 0.20	1.66
Nth American Acc	42.53	45.19	- 0.50	0.59
Far East Acc	64.76	68.81	- 0.60	0.16
European Acc	50.18	53.32	- 0.10	0.59
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 071 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.642	3.851		0.55
US Eqts (US$)	2.324	2.467		0.79
Far East Eqts (yen)	235.00	249.50		
Japan Eqties (yen)	255.00	270.80		
FT Europe	121.10	126.60		1.55
FTN Amer (US$)	1.759	1.865		0.96
FT Japan (yen)	235.00	249.60		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.253	2.401	.	1.00
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 226 3271				
American	351.40	374.50	+ 4.00	
British #	974.90	£10.31	- 6.20	4.17
Emrgng Mkts	142.80	152.10	- 2.60	
European	509.40	544.70	- 1.90	0.75
Japan	153.00	162.40	- 6.20	
New Pacific	360.90	386.60	- 3.40	0.61
(Accum Units)	380.40	407.70	- 3.60	0.51
Inv Tract Acc	247.10	261.80	- 1.20	1.07
Mngd Equity	166.60	176.30	- 1.50	1.45
Mngd Cash	95.51	95.51	+ 0.03	5.79
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	786.00	840.60	- 3.10	3.41
North America	118.40	126.60	- 0.90	0.98
Far East	136.40	145.90	- 2.20	0.34
Wwide Bond	54.74	58.11	- 0.22	5.59
European	100.60	107.60	- 1.90	0.09
Equity Income	85.83	91.80	- 0.49	4.52
Portfolio	81.21	86.86	- 1.11	1.37
UK Leading Cos	57.94	61.64	+ 0.95	3.47
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	64.15	68.61	- 0.21	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
American Growth	32.68	34.95	+ 0.34	0.83
Managed Assets	122.35	130.86	+ 1.09	2.72
UK Income	39.16	41.89	+ 0.34	3.28
UK Growth	37.64	40.26	+ 0.37	2.54
Worldwide Growth	34.01	36.38	+ 0.35	0.73
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	47.49	50.52	+ 0.29	
Cap Protector Inc	41.17	44.08	+ 0.30	2.67
UK Income Inc	48.88	52.29	+ 0.45	3.15
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	31.84	34.05	+ 0.20	3.66
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.01	82.36	+ 0.52	4.19
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.21	77.23	+ 0.64	3.34
UK Smaller Cos	32.72	34.99	+ 0.06	1.90
Pacific Gth Port	42.40	45.35	+ 0.86	0.37
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 0264 346 794				
American	197.89	209.41	+ 1.95	
(Accum Units)	217.97	230.65	+ 2.14	
Brit Growth	91.85	97.19	+ 1.11	2.21
(Accum Units)	110.53	116.96	+ 1.34	2.21
European	102.29	108.24	+ 1.06	0.61
(Accum Units)	108.77	115.10	+ 1.13	0.61
Extra Income	187.41	198.32	+ 1.68	4.35
(Accum Units)	318.02	336.53	+ 2.86	4.35
Smaller Cos	68.59	72.58	+ 0.13	1.64
(Accum Units)	76.94	81.42	+ 0.16	1.64
General	265.80	281.27	+ 3.00	2.46
(Accum Units)	550.24	582.27	+ 6.22	2.46
Premier Income	48.81	50.01	+ 0.17	6.38
(Accum Units)	108.16	112.67	+ 0.38	6.38
Income	320.10	338.73	+ 2.69	4.03
(Accum Units)	701.85	742.70	+ 5.89	4.03
Pacific	403.84	427.35	+ 2.55	..
(Accum Units)	424.34	449.04	+ 2.69	..
International	514.50	544.45	+ 3.86	0.16
(Accum Units)	678.54	715.91	+ 5.07	0.16
Nat Resources	154.84	163.85	- 0.66	..
Skild Opps	99.77	105.57	+ 0.66	1.45
(Accum Units)	127.01	134.40	+ 0.85	1.45
Environmental Inv	60.85	64.39	+ 0.53	2.03
Selector	59.67	63.14	+ 0.46	2.33
(Accum Units)	67.30	71.22	+ 0.52	2.33
High Income	61.84	65.44	+ 0.53	4.81
(Accum Units)	78.78	83.37	+ 0.68	4.81
Intl Income	56.24	59.51	+ 0.24	5.10
(Accum Units)	69.14	73.17	+ 0.43	5.10
Selector Income	58.75	62.18	+ 0.43	4.93
(Accum Units)	68.99	73.01	+ 0.51	4.93
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 081 687 1018				
British	314.30	330.80	+ 3.50	2.79
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	196.32	209.97	+ 1.85	1.38
Glob Balncd Inc	167.49	179.13	+ 1.67	2.93
Value Tst Inc	115.74	123.78	+ 1.41	1.58
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	38.40	41.39	+ 0.21	6.30
European Growth	264.38	280.52	+ 3.92	0.98
Exempt	319.78	334.32	+ 7.11	3.60
Global Em Mkts	94.66	98.51	+ 2.67	0.08
Japan Tst	80.74	85.95	- 0.17	...
Little Dragons	81.52	86.95	+ 1.39	
Nth Amer Gwth	219.92	234.27	+ 2.19	0.79
Oriental Income	43.22	46.10	+ 0.25	1.50
Preference	123.49	132.07	+ 0.47	6.90
Tiger	252.35	269.17	+ 6.10	..
(Accum Units)	265.12	282.79	+ 6.41	..
UK Blue Chip	60.08	64.07	+ 1.12	3.10
UK Growth	488.77	522.74	+ 7.15	2.30
UK High Yield	99.73	106.66	+ 1.10	3.60
(Accum Units)	323.61	346.10	+ 3.59	3.60
UK Mid-Cap	247.18	264.36	+ 1.17	2.00
UK Smlr Cos	98.52	105.36	+ 0.12	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	88.97	95.15	- 0.04	5.10
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 0277 690 356				
UK Equity Income	94.71	100.75	+ 0.86	3.20
UK Equity Growth	84.31	89.69	+ 0.70	2.44
European	67.63	71.95	+ 0.88	0.50
Nth American	66.38	70.53	+ 0.58	1.02
Far Eastern	70.87	75.39	+ 0.35	0.76
Money	67.00	67.00	+ 0.02	4.03
Fixed Interest	70.08	74.55	+ 0.14	6.59
Index Linked Gilt	64.38	68.47	+ 0.14	1.34
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 031 226 1551				
Australasian Gold	27.53	29.28	+ 0.82	.
Pacific Basin	43.48	46.25	+ 0.37	.
Global Bear (US$)	0.85	0.89	+ 0.09	
Penny Share	33.23	35.35	- 0.10	
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 600 0462				
Challenger	82.48	94.63	- 0.12	..
Short Dtd Gilt	109.90	111.20	- 0.10	..
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	+ 0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	48.85	50.82	+ 0.06	7.80
Gilt Growth	68.47	71.26	- 0.15	.
City Reserve	51.91	51.82	+ 0.01	5.34
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 081 298 4000				
UK Stockmarket	75.83	80.66	+ 0.43	2.61

Source: Finstat.
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; . . . No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge.

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BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	435	-4	4.5	14.8
314	233	Allied Irish	288	+1	4.7	10.5
278½	171	Aus New Z	203	-1	8.0	
3300	2462½	Bank America	2700	+75		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	206	+6	3.2	11.6
640	487	Barclays	586	+2	3.5	14.6
319	246	Bk of Ireland	298	+1	4.8	8.6
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2587½	+112½		
285½	208	Close Bros	223	-2	4.2	18.7
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£134½	+3½	6.2	
1296½	1056½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1212½	+3½	0.5	
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£288	+8½	2.3	
1315½	750	Espirito Santo	781½	-31½	4.9	3.9
90	57	First Nat Fin	68	+1	2.8	
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1399	+12	0.4	
473	308	Hambros	246	-1	7.6	15.1
1113	640	HSBC	683	+11	4.6	9.6
1138	629	HSBC HK	683	+12	4.7	9.5
445	303	Joseph (L)	385		5.6	11.5
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	545	+4	4.4	9.6
660	513	Lloyds	555	+8	5.2	10.9
620½	477	Nat Aust Bk	508	-6	7.0	
622	421	Nat West	491	+10	4.9	8.8
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2190		6.8	
79	53	Rea Bros	66		1.8	18.5
528	377	Ryl Bk Scot	391	+2	4.4	9.5
1574	1050	Schroders	1453	+10	1.6	13.3
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1313	+5	1.8	12.0
114	75	Singer & Fried	85½		4.6	11.0
350½	223	Stand Chart	280	+8	3.1	6.9
291	197	TSB	235½	+3½	5.1	
1012	369	Warburg SG	688	+15	4.0	12.6
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9692½	+288½	2.8	
280	194	Westpac	215	+3	2.5	
380	203	[illegible]	215		6.0	14.4

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	161	-3		
619	485	Bass	523	+8	5.8	13.2
299	246	Boddington	280		4.0	14.9
198	168	Burtonwood Brwy	175	-1	3.6	14.5
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	156	+1	3.2	
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Eurojustice in the balance

MPs meet today to tackle problems arising in international cases. **Stephen Jakobi** reports

Russell Torr did not have a happy festive season. The 21-year-old from Worksop is serving a 12-year sentence for rape in Spain. He was convicted after judges placed great weight on evidence that he was the man seen running away from the scene (outside a nightclub) shortly after the incident. A witness stated to the police that she was dancing with Torr at the time and he could not have been the running man.

Unfortunately, she was not present at the trial despite requests by the Spanish court to the British Government to serve a witness summons. The Home Office had replied to the Spaniards that on the information supplied, they could not trace the girl. After the trial the Torr family traced her through directory inquiries. She turned out to be a willing witness who, because she had heard nothing, believed the charge had been dropped.

The problems of obtaining crucial evidence from another country within the European Union are quite as damaging to justice as the problems of bail discussed in a previous article (*The Times*, October 18 1994). There has been a chorus of complaints from French lawyers and judges about the way official requests from their courts appear to be ignored or delayed. Often this leads to wholly unacceptable lengths of time in remand.

Josephine Conn, 64, the grandmother referred to in October and whose trial result is now pending after two years on remand in France on soft drugs charges, has spent much of this time awaiting the replies from Spanish authorities to a request from the French court made almost a year ago for assistance in the investigation.

The European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and its additional protocol were ratified by Britain in 1990. Probably the worst feature of the convention is that it applies only to willing witnesses. Since there is no penalty for non-compliance with a witness summons, injustices both to the accused and to the prosecution will inevitably occur.

Investigations by Alan Beith (Liberal Democrat) and Paul Boateng (Labour), the Opposition front-bench spokesmen on home affairs, have disclosed that Home Office implementation procedures make this bad situation worse. Unfortunately, the convention does not require that requests for service of process include details of the nature of the proceedings, but does require the foreign court to furnish the address of the person to be served.

> There is no penalty for ignoring a witness summons

Our Government has devised a cunning bureaucratic response to this problem. When requests for summonses are not submitted strictly in accordance with the convention, they are returned with an explanation that service has not been possible. In Torr's case, they had the passport number of the witness so that a simple internal inquiry would have given them an address.

If the issuing authority is unable to provide further details but indicates that the nature of the proceedings makes the presence of the witness exceptionally important, the UK will reluctantly seek to locate and serve the summons on the individual concerned.

In practice, the local police are unlikely to be aware of the accuracy of foreign addresses and the mysterious workings of international conventions. Every movement of a witness summons from sender to responder within the system takes a number of months working its way up and down two governments' systems. The British Government's method of operating its discretion to shift the onus of further inquiry on to the issuing authority causes intolerable delay at best and must often lead to gross injustice.

The Home Office states that it is overwhelmed with requests for assistance under the convention. It currently handles about 3,200 requests a year for co-operation, including some 1,000 requests for service of witness summonses.

It is obvious that tens of thousands of requests for information and many thousands of witness summonses are issued in the EU every year. From our own Home Office experience, it is unlikely that most of these summonses are effective. Even if only one in ten of these requests concerns a vital witness, up to 1,000 miscarriages of justice occur annually from this cause alone.

The solutions required to deal with the problems of bail and evidence must involve the treatment of the EU as one country for certain purposes. A court in Athens must be satisfied that a defendant bailed to his home city of Liverpool can be brought to court with no more formality than if he lived in Greece. Greek witnesses who do not turn up to give evidence in Liverpool must suffer Euro-standard penalties for contempt. The Treaty of Maastricht places the initiation of measures to harmonise justice under the direction of the Council of Ministers of Justice. In practice, decisions as to initiatives and priorities are in the control of the country holding the presidency, and that office changes hands every six months.

It is a recipe that surely accounts for much of the shambles that is European justice. For example, the United Kingdom set up a working party to examine ways of simplifying extradition during its presidency in 1992. Our French group has lobbied the French Ministry of Justice to make extradition a priority during its presidency, which began on January 1. The process will have to start all over again on July 1 when it is the turn of the Spanish.

An increasing number of Members of Parliament from all parties are profoundly dissatisfied with apparent government indifference to constituents' problems in obtaining justice in Europe. Marjorie Mowlam, who has more than one current case involving constituents, supported by Sir Archibald Hamilton, Cynog Dafis and David Rendel, has convened a meeting this afternoon at the House of Commons with the object of setting up an all-party group to work on the problems involved. The chairmen of both the Foreign and Home Affairs Committees have been invited.

The concern is mirrored in the European Parliament, where MEPs — prominent among them John Stevens, Glyn Ford and Brian Crowley — have been actively involved. On both fronts, we may have the beginnings of a move to bring European justice into line.

● *The author is chairman of Fair Trials International (081-332 2800).*

Jurors who are in reasonable doubt

Every jury hearing a criminal trial in the Crown Court is told by the judge that the defendant is entitled to a verdict of "not guilty" unless the prosecution has made the jury *sure* of the defendant's guilt. Some judges add that being sure of the defendant's guilt means the same as being satisfied of guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

A recent decision by the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Victor v Nebraska* raises the important question of whether judges should give further assistance to juries on what being sure of guilt actually means.

Justice O'Connor stated on behalf of the Supreme Court that although proof by the prosecution beyond a reasonable doubt is "an ancient and honoured" aspect of the criminal justice system, "it defies easy explication". The constitution "neither prohibits trial courts from defining reasonable doubt nor requires them to do so as a matter of course". The Supreme Court upheld convictions in two cases in which trial judges had tried to explain to juries what "reasonable doubt" meant, even though there were errors in the formulations adopted by those judges.

In her concurring judgment, Justice Ginsburg argued that there was a strong case for juries to be given more help in this matter. The words "beyond a reasonable doubt" are "not self-defining for jurors". Studies of jury behaviour in the United States have found that "jurors are often confused about the meaning of reasonable doubt" when the concept is left unexplained. Justice Ginsburg expressed her approval for the definition of reasonable doubt proposed by the Federal Judicial Centre as a model instruction for judges to give juries.

That instruction tells juries that the prosecution "has the burden of proving the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt". It then states that "proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you firmly convinced of the defendant's guilt. There are very few things in this world that we know with absolute certainty, and in criminal cases the law does not require proof that overcomes every possible doubt. If, based on your consideration of the evidence, you are firmly convinced that the defendant is guilty of the crime charged, you must find him guilty. If on the other hand you think there is a real possibility that he is not guilty, you must give him the benefit of the doubt and find him not guilty."

The English Court of Appeal has occasionally considered the meaning of "reasonable doubt", when criticising judicial definitions which understated the obligations of the prosecution to prove the case against the accused. The Court of Appeal has explained that it does not suffice that juries are "pretty certain" of the defendant's guilt, or "reasonably sure", or "pretty sure". The Court has held that it is wrong to tell a jury that a reasonable doubt exists only if it is "one for which you could give reasons if you were asked", or if it was "the sort of doubt which might affect you in the conduct of everyday affairs". Judges who directed the jury in such terms were held to be wrong in law.

However, English law has not adopted a positive definition of what "reasonable doubt" does mean. Our law remains wedded to the approach adopted by Lord Goddard as Lord Chief Justice in a judgment delivered in 1952. He gave warning that whenever a court attempted to explain what is meant by "reasonable doubt", the explanation "tends to result in confusion rather than clarity". Therefore, the jury should simply be told that "it is not for the prisoner to prove his innocence, but for the prosecution to prove his guilt, and that it is the jury's duty to regard the evidence and see if it satisfies them so that they can feel sure" of guilt. If they are not sure, then they should find the defendant not guilty.



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In 1976, Lord Justice Lawton stated on behalf of the Court of Appeal that in most cases "judges would be well advised not to attempt any gloss upon what is meant by 'sure' or what is meant by 'reasonable doubt'". Such comments are "more likely to confuse than help". He emphasised that "if judges stopped trying to define that which is almost impossible to define, there would be fewer appeals".

It is troubling that a legal concept so central to every criminal trial has been considered by the English judiciary to be so fragile that any attempt to explain it for the benefit of lay people risks confusion and error. As A.A.S. Zuckerman of University College, Oxford, points out in *The Principles of Criminal Evidence*, "it is difficult to believe that the expression 'beyond reasonable doubt' is self-explanatory in our pluralistic society. It can hardly be assumed that all jurors will have the same instinctive comprehension of the meaning of this expression."

Juries would benefit from an explanation of what lawyers mean by "reasonable doubt". As Justice Ginsburg of the United States Supreme Court suggested, the definition prepared by the Federal Judicial Centre "surpasses others in stating the standard succinctly and comprehensibly".

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

Out to South Africa

SYDNEY Kentridge, QC, one of the Bar's top silks and the one briefed by the profession themselves when they sued Lord Hailsham, has been appointed as one of the 11 judges to sit in South Africa's new Constitutional Court.

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Mr Kentridge, of Brick Court Chambers, will sit only for the seven-week session in February, when the most important rulings are to be made. Mr Kentridge once practised in South Africa, where he often took on criminal cases for defendants such as Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Steve Biko, the Sharpeville Six and others.

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Carry on writing

NEIL ADDISON, whose controversial suspension from the Crown Prosecution Service because of an article published in this paper last year led him to resign from the CPS, has reached an "amicable settlement" with the CPS. Mr Addison will be setting up in private practice. But if the Director of Public Prosecutions, Barbara Mills, QC, believes she has removed an awkward thorn from her side, she should think again. Mr Addison told the *Law Society Gazette* that his new year's resolution is "to have published twice as many articles in *The Times* in 1995".

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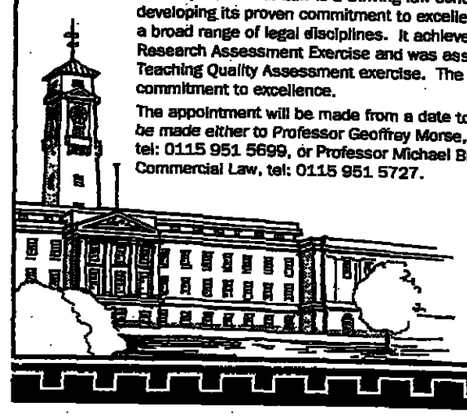
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ALREADY an explorer, in a succession of recent books, of the murky byways of London's underworld and the activities of corrupt police, James Morton, lawyer and legal commentator, has turned his attention to the Big Smoke's country cousins. In *Gangland Volume 2*, he ranges beyond London to the criminal worlds of Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, the Midlands and across the Irish Sea to Dublin.

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Morton reports the day in the 1920s when 38 of the finest criminals in the Midlands set off for the Epsom Derby with plans to curtail the activities of a gang of Italians running the protection of bookmakers. The attack ended in fiasco when the Midlands men were arrested by a sergeant who took the spark plugs out of their charabanc and threatened to shoot the first man who moved.

In Manchester's Moss Side these days, it is the criminals who have the guns. Morton describes the 1990s underworld, fuelled by drugs and driven by youth gangs.

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Who needs legal aid?

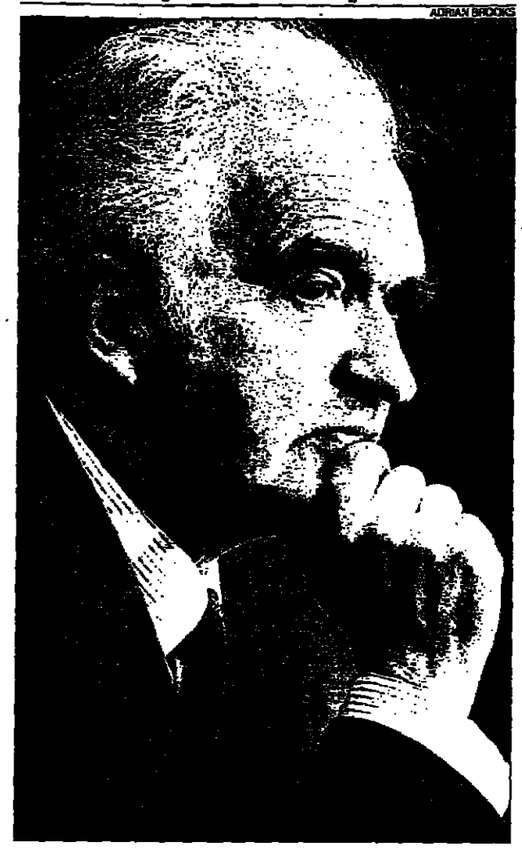
Roger Smith argues that reform of legal aid must go hand in hand with the wider overhaul of the system of civil justice

"There must be change," Lord Mackay of Clashfern demanded in his well-trailed speech on legal aid last week. The Lord Chancellor identified his main problem as the rise in legal aid costs caused by "supplier-induced inflation" — the effect of lawyers in driving up costs. He is, however, in danger of the general's classic mistake: fighting the previous war.

Dealing with rapidly escalating legal aid costs was yesterday's problem. There was a costs "blowout" in the late 1980s and early 1990s. This has raised expenditure by 150 per cent since 1985 and doubled it since 1990-91. However, expenditure has now been stabilised, largely by cuts to remuneration and eligibility. The latest departmental estimates show legal aid costs to be relatively static, rising in real terms by only £70 million this year and £70 million in 1995-96.

In any event, the past rise in costs could have not have been wholly attributable to suppliers' actions. Government policy itself caused a large part of the rise. Lord Mackay personally prioritised greater legal aid expenditure on children in reforms associated with the Children Act, for which 18,000 certificates were granted last year. In 1986, when he was Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of Marylebone introduced a statutory police-station duty-solicitor scheme that cost £67 million last year, 6 per cent of the total legal aid received by solicitors.

Furthermore, the increased numbers using civil legal aid are in line with those using other services for people in crisis. From 1981 to 1991, there was roughly a 50 per cent rise in the annual number of civil legal certificates. On the Government's figures in *Social Trends*, that was in line with the increase in the use of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Samaritans. Use of Relate, the Citizens' Advice Bureaux and the Young People's Counselling and Advisory Service roughly doubled during the same period. The congruence of these increases suggests more need by consumers, rather than the better marketing of service providers.


ADRIAN BROOKS

Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, is right to call for a revision of the legal aid system — but for the wrong reasons

Partial identification of causes leads to flawed solutions. For instance, there is evidence that the demand for civil legal aid is changing in favour of larger and more expensive cases. Into this category comes expanding litigation relating to children and medical negligence. Legislative changes make estimates of the former impossible: the latter has almost doubled in the past five years.

As these cases come to be billed, they will cause an avoidable rise in the average cost of civil cases. To the extent that rising expenditure is not caused by supplier-induced inflation, capping the budget is not the answer. Its effect is to penalise consumers by reducing services.

No major advance in access to justice, particularly if expenditure is limited, can be made without policies that link changes to the legal process with those to the assistance given to people within that process. Although this seems self-evident, Lord Mackay has just acted as if such co-ordination were not necessary. Lord Woolf of Barnes has been sent off to conduct a review of civil justice which is to run parallel but totally separately from his own consideration of legal aid.

Under current arrangements, co-ordination of policy in the various aspects of legal services is positively discouraged. The imminent creation of a stand-alone Courts Agency may make this worse. Already, key opportunities fall through the cracks between different expenditure heads. For instance, the civil justice review recommended a package of reform in 1988 that included savings from greater use of the small claims procedure and a small amount of compensating expenditure on a duty county court representation scheme.

A relatively cheap proposal was worked up by the Legal Aid Board but rejected by Lord Mackay because of costs implications for legal aid. Yet representation schemes cheaper than full legal aid may justify greater devolution or diversion of cases by which savings to the combined costs of legal aid and the courts could be made.

A Green Paper on legal aid in the spring is probably now unstoppable. Soon after its publication, Lord Woolf is likely to deliver his own consultation paper on civil justice. There is no reason to think that it will be less far-reaching than was his paper on prison reform. Repetition of this report's fate, which was to be ignored in the policymaking process, must be avoided.

To be truly fundamental, any reform of legal aid must await the outcome of a combined debate on civil justice and legal aid. Its centrepiece should be the changes required in the provision of information, assistance, procedure and substantive law so that society provides equal access to justice for all. Then we should decide how much inequality we can afford.

● *The author is director of the Legal Action Group.*

Job contracts must move with the times

The Saatchi affair has thrown a legal spotlight on terms of employment

Everyone in the law agrees that advertising executives are good fun to have as clients. They are charming. They lift the spirits on a dull day. But, above all, you never know what they are going to do next.

"Advertising bosses," said Richard Bagehot of the City solicitors Field Fisher Waterhouse, "are not people in grey suits who carefully calculate every move they make. They are often driven by gut reaction, and that makes life interesting."

The Saatchi affair is being observed with horrified fascination by both advertising agencies and their legal advisers. It is a situation in which many other ad firms could, and do, find themselves — although without the same media exposure. The fact that ad agencies' principal assets — their staff — are both mobile and volatile leaves them open to this kind of fracas every day of the week.

The real importance of the Saatchi case for lawyers is that its outcome could set a precedent for relationships between advertising agencies and the senior executives who work for them.

Advertising agencies have always been finely balanced businesses. They are led and owned by creative and charismatic individuals, which means that there is always a possibility that they will be brought down by personality clashes. And because of the close relationship between clients and guru-like figures such as Maurice Saatchi, increasing care is being taken in framing their conditions of service.

Barry Francis, a partner in the advertising and marketing group at Beachcroft Stanleys, has found himself extensively reviewing senior executive contracts over the past couple of years to try to make them watertight. Mr Francis says: "I am sure that the Saatchi case will encourage those agencies who have not yet done so to undertake such an exercise. Undoubtedly, the outcome of the Saatchi affair will start to shape clients' willingness to use litigation to resolve cases of this kind."

Three of the departing Saatchi executives have turned to the firm of Olswangs for legal advice. Not only does Olswangs have a very strong reputation in the media and advertising field, but it also has a lot of expertise in looking after the employment interests of successful individuals. Though the firm could not comment on the details of the Saatchi affair, Simon Olswang, a senior partner, said that it was able to deal not just with the employment questions but also with the many complex Stock Exchange issues thrown up by events.


Maurice Saatchi: famed as a guru-like figure

Typically under discussion in these cases are issues of confidentiality, restrictive covenants and the enforceability of so-called "gardening leave".

For the employer, there is a careful judgment to be made over whether enforcing such restrictions is strategically useful, weighing up the loss of goodwill against the potential damage that a departing executive might inflict.

According to William Brafman of Cameron Markby Hewitt, advertising agencies are always going to be vulnerable to these developments so long as they are "personality driven".

He says: "In America, firms such as JWT and Grey have managed to develop a corporate brand image stronger than the personalities of individual executives. In Britain, however, many agencies are still dependent on personality cults.

"My theory is that in the advertising world how well people are treated is in inverse proportion to their seniority. The problem is that top people can go out of favour very quickly. In such circumstances, it is not surprising that disputes arise."

One way around this, Mr Bagehot says, is for the key executive not to have long-term service contracts. Even so, many advertising agencies have been taking the lead in asking their legal advisers to develop ever more sophisticated employment contracts that protect their interests.

Gareth Edwards of Lewis Silkin, another firm with a strong record of working with advertising clients, says that restrictive covenants are being drafted with particular care. He adds: "Firms are much more willing than they used to be to try to enforce these covenants."

Mr Edwards believes that one problem is that executives may have clients in several European countries and have to be pursued in each jurisdiction to make the covenant stick.

The Saatchi saga will become an object lesson for the advertising industry and its lawyers in what can go wrong, when contracts of employment no longer fit the nature of the business.

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A rising generation of young women artists is showcased at the Festival Hall



PREVIEW: As Arsenal follow Lineker into the West End, **Simon Tait** reports on the new Big Match

The stage is over the moon

From the terraces to the stalls is, it seems, but a short step. This week wearers of red-and-white scarves and bobble hats may be seen blinking in the unaccustomed yellow light of the West End instead of the white glare of Highbury's floodlights. They are not lost; they are going to the theatre. To watch football.

On Thursday, *Fever Pitch* opens at the Arts Theatre. For a fringe-originated show with a top-price ticket of £14 it has had almost unprecedented advance sales of £40,000, ensuring at least a three-month run. George Graham, the Arsenal manager, will be at the opening night, as will erstwhile Arsenal stars such as Liam Brady and Charlie George.

The fans will see a show of two halves, as John Motson would say: 45 minutes each way, and starring Stephen North in Paul Hodson's anarchic adaptation of Nick Hornby's memoirs of an Arsenal fan. The book was a publishing sensation, with sales of 300,000, and the play has already been a critical success. So reviews, good or bad, are unlikely to make much difference to attendances in the all-seater theatre. What probably did make a difference was the wholehearted co-operation of Arsenal itself, which circulated booking details through its mailing lists.

Born at last year's Brighton Festival, the play was the hit of the Edinburgh Fringe and had a highly successful short autumn tour. "It wasn't the kind of audience that was used to the theatre atmosphere," says Hodson, who also directs. "But you could get them involved, which was the idea, and sometimes it can go wrong. In Newcastle a bloke in a black and white scarf got up and shouted, 'Why isn't this play about Newcastle United?' and for once Steve was stumped for a riposte."

Nevertheless, the play may have tapped the elusive "new audience" that producers, arts quangos and even Heritage Secretaries have been desperately seeking. "It's easy to say that we're looking to youth for a new audience, or opening up the theatre for young people," says producer David Johnson. He picked the show up on the Edinburgh Fringe, as he did two years ago with another cult hit, *Anorak of Fire*, which is about trainspotters and about to begin another tour. "There's an awful lot of rubbish talked about audience development, but we're in the business of putting on shows people are going to want to see. If that means we've found a new audience, and maybe we have, then great."

It is not a sudden phenomenon. Hodson discovered that football plays had been happening in Glasgow for some time. One about Partick Thistle had been an unaccountable flop; one last year about Rangers was more successful, although only locally.

But the genre leader seems to have been a play that was not really about football at all. It was the 1991 Edinburgh Fringe hit, *An Evening with Gary Lineker*, a sex comedy by Arthur Smith and Chris England that was set in a Majorca holiday flat with the 1990 World Cup semi-final taking place on the television set in the background. It toured, did two West End runs and was adapted for television. One evening the whole 1990 World Cup England team, including the then manager Graham Taylor, went to see it.

"Our estimate is that it has been seen by close to a million people, not counting the television audience which was about eight million," says Rupert Gavin of Incidental Theatre, which produced *An Evening with* ... "We did some market research during the run and found that 52 per cent of the audience had never been to a play before. There was a sudden feeling in the audiences which you get in football crowds, of a shared experience. We'd all been there."

Neil Watson was one of those first-timers, taken to the West End to see *An Evening with* ... by footballing colleagues at Leyton Orient, where he is the community relations officer. Faced with tackling an increasingly serious problem of racism in football, Watson found the play — and his wife's experience of having seen a theatre-in-education group at work at their children's' school — inspiring enough for him to commission Arc Theatre to write and produce a play, *Kicking Out*, about football and race issues. It won an ABSA sponsorship award and, having played to East End and Essex school audiences, is now touring the country.

For Johnson, who recently saw his first football match, *Fever Pitch* is a further stage in the progression of fringe theatre away from stand-up comedy to drama. It is a one-man show, cheap to produce, and is comedy with the narrative spiced up with a few chantable songs.

Johnson and Hodson are planning to follow the theme with a new collaborative play about Manchester United, which has the working title of *The Red Devils*. "It's not a matter of converting people to the theatre, but of having a good time together," Hodson says. "Football is highly personal to a huge section of British society. If we can get to something they identify with individually, that's what drama is about, too."

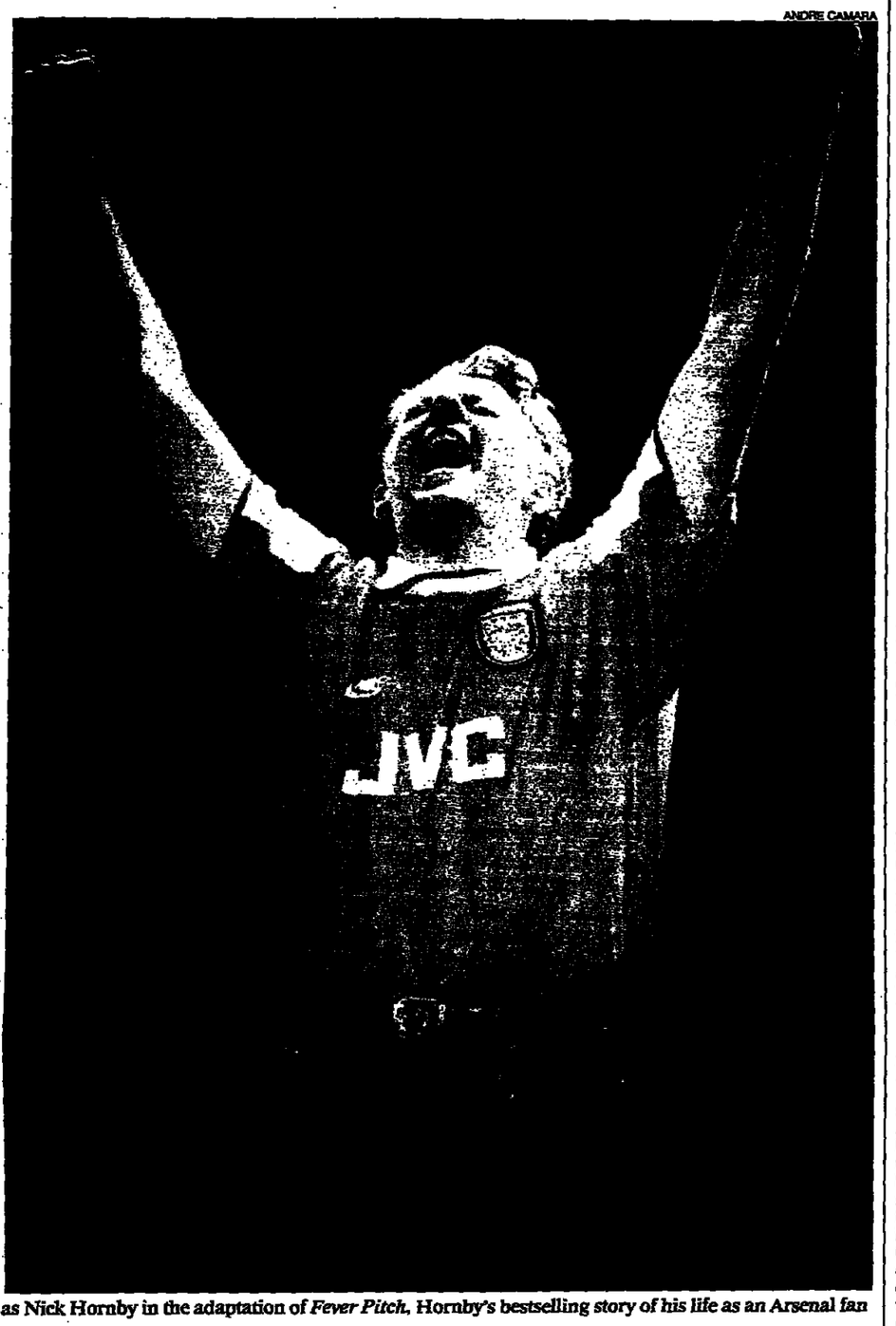
● Fever Pitch *is in preview at the Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, London WC2 (071-836 2132), and opens on Thursday*











ANDRE CAMARA

West End Gooner: Stephen North as Nick Hornby in the adaptation of *Fever Pitch*, Hornby's bestselling story of his life as an Arsenal fan

POP: Rhythm, blues and emerald green

Four credits to old Ireland

Mary Black et al
Apollo, W6

MARY Black, her sister Frances, Sharon Shannon and Mary Coughlan are substantial stars in Ireland, and their presence here perhaps triggered homesick blues for some people who sat, choked with tears, through some of the sadder songs. Others cheered mightily whenever musicians from their home counties were introduced.

The variety of music was quickly apparent. Coughlan mixed plaintive songs with the faintly ribald, and traditional styles with soft rock and tango rhythms. Drummer Dave Early and saxophonist Richie Buckley, members of the evening's core band, complemented a delivery from Coughlan that lacked nothing in attitude. Indeed, any artist who chooses to augment a black velvet suit with a diaphanous shawl, covered with what looked like dead mice, can be assured of an audience's full attention.

Frances Black picked up on the jazzy elements in Coughlan's set, before moving on to some quieter material, well-suited to the breathless hush in her tones. After a short interval, Shannon's accordion-led set was to redefine the boundaries surrounding folk dance music. This diminutive virtuoso played reels and traditional airs with — as a ska-rhythmed dance named after calypso star the Mighty Sparrow showed — an open-minded approach to rhythm. Fiddler Mary Custy contributed mightily to the fast turns required by the music.

It proved the perfect build-up to Mary Black's stylish acoustic rock. Formerly a member of De Dannan, Black has blended her experience as a traditional singer with a phrasing and a restlessness redolent of blues and soul. One of her best songs was a version of Billie Holiday's "Don't Explain". Two spirited encores, for which Black was joined by her fellows, picked up the pace. McEvoy's "A Woman's Heart" passed into a version of Bob Marley's "No Woman, No Cry", which earned standing ovations.

Their last offering, a cover of Annie Lennox and Aretha Franklin's "Sisters Are Doing It For Themselves", captured perfectly the feeling of celebration that pervaded the concert.

LOUISE GRAY

Unknown heroes

Jodeci
Wembley Arena

JODECI (that's joe-duh-see), the R&B quarter from North Carolina, have precisely one week to their name in the British Top 20 singles chart. But their first UK appearance in two years has been one of the hottest tickets of the season. The 25,000 rabid fans who filled Wembley Arena twice over look up to Jo Jo, K-Ci, Mr Dalvin and De Vante Swing as the ultimate in, if you'll pardon the shopping list, rap/swingbeat/soul.

The two pairs of brothers' self-produced second album, *Diary of a Mad Band*, released last year, matched the momentum of their 1991 debut, *Forever My Lady*, with its mixture of traditional soul flavours and a large scoop of in-your-face 1990s attitude. One could taste those ingredients as the group arrived decked out in jailbird outfits, with dogs barking, bombs crashing and police lights flashing. But no sooner were the stripy suits off than they were coming on like latter-day Temptations, close-harmonising through "Feenin'" — that one fleeting moment in the mainstream last year.

Thus did they continue, revving the collective pulse of the female contingent with the usual pelvic punctuations, even if their testosterone count was never quite a match for the likes of R. Kelly.

The feisty four spun through hits from both albums, including "Forever My Lady", "Come & Talk To Me" and "Cry For You", in a surprisingly quick-fire manner, complete with revue-style closing chords from an innocuous band. But they had difficulty in projecting any soulful intensity across such a cold hangar of a venue, and lost the goodwill of their faithful by beginning a messy and indecisive departure after less than an hour. To appropriate a legal phrase, a performance that was sub-Jodeci.

PAUL SEXTON

THEATRE: A dour opening to the London International Mime Festival; and a thought-provoking double-bill

Puppets at a funeral

The Ghost Sonata
Purcell Room

The puppeteers of Stockholm's Marionetteatern, kicking off the London International Mime Festival with their stylised, sometimes genuinely spooky vision of *The Ghost Sonata*, pass in slow-motion. Grey-faced in top hats, they step like undertakers in some sub-aquatic afterlife. Then all three suddenly fix the audience with glittering eyes, and break into a cranky dance — partly funereal tap-routine, partly tribal drill.

The emaciated dolls that the puppeteers proceed to animate can also be unnerving. Embodying the Old Man, the Mummy, the vampiric Cook and the other characters of Strindberg's weird classic, they have faces out of Munch and thin, lifelike limbs. Held with unsettling tenderness in the puppeteers hands, they float through the air with the dreaminess of small souls in limbo or with predatory fiendish ecstasy. The skeletal milkmaid, in a white smock, jets ethereally like an avenging angel.

The eeriness of their malevolent, enigmatic encounters owes much to the soundtrack of pulsating throbs, piping flutes, squawks and cavernous splashing. Strindberg's mansion thus hovers between celestial outer space, Miss Haversham's, and some gothic subterranean lake.

Still, the evening has its longueurs. When the spoken word enters, the production weakens. The young puppeteer handling the old Colonel has a fine command of English but doesn't throw himself into the persona. Helena Nilson, however, immerses herself totally, and is terrific screeching and twitching as she manipulates the Mummy, a beak-nosed old crone, like a savage parrot.

Pallid make-up, dark glasses and black umbrellas aren't the most original ingredients in mime to suggest the morbid. Moreover, several sequences in American director Roman Paska's adaptation are narratively obscure. Yet images of arresting suggestiveness arise in the course of the evening.

KATE BASSETT

Regard it as an SOS

Salvation
Gate, Notting Hill

Joe Pintauro composed the meatier half of this double-bill he calls *Salvation* for a group of New York actors with Aids, only to find they had all died by the time he delivered it. Thus they were denied the chance of bringing to life a situation very like their own. Some members of the therapeutic group that Pintauro evokes in his tough, compassionate *Raft of the Medusa* clearly have longer to live than others; but one of them has just died and the HIV virus is eating away the others.

The sinking of the French frigate, Medusa, inspired both a painting by Gericault and a chapter in Julian Barnes's *History of the World in 10½ Chapters*, and now gives Pintauro a suggestive title. Some 150 survivors on a rickety raft apparently tried and failed to do what Aids patients are currently doing: attract the attention of potential rescuers. But *Medusa* is not a polemical piece. Tim Luscombe's London Gay Theatre wants only to remind what it calls a "mixed audience" that there are terminally sick people out there, desperately and sometimes gallantly dealing with the prospect of dropping off the horizon.

Medusa has its weaknesses, most of them caused by Pintauro's fear of writing too plotless a piece. The revelation that a film actor (Nigel Whitney) come to observe the group is both gay and HIV-positive is too predictable. The rumpus at the denouement, involving a straight journalist (Marcus D'Amico) secretly taping the session, seems pretty melodramatic. But when the genuine sufferers are bickering, joking, musing, wailing, or exposing their innards, the play wholly convinces.

Some are gay, but others, mostly the women, have been infected by incautious sex or dirty needles. Lolly Susi's Cora, furious at being the victim of what she sees as others' irresponsibility, has her moments, as do Harold Finley's Tommy, a gentle queen whose brain is beginning to evaporate, and Natasha Williams's Nairobi, a mute heroin addict.

But the mood of embattled sharing and caring is best communicated by Carmela Marner, playing a teenager abandoned by her Aids-infected boyfriend, and Lawrence Elman's Alan, a surly druggie. When she embraces his head, peppered as it is with cancer, you feel what it must be like to be lost in the Aids ghetto.

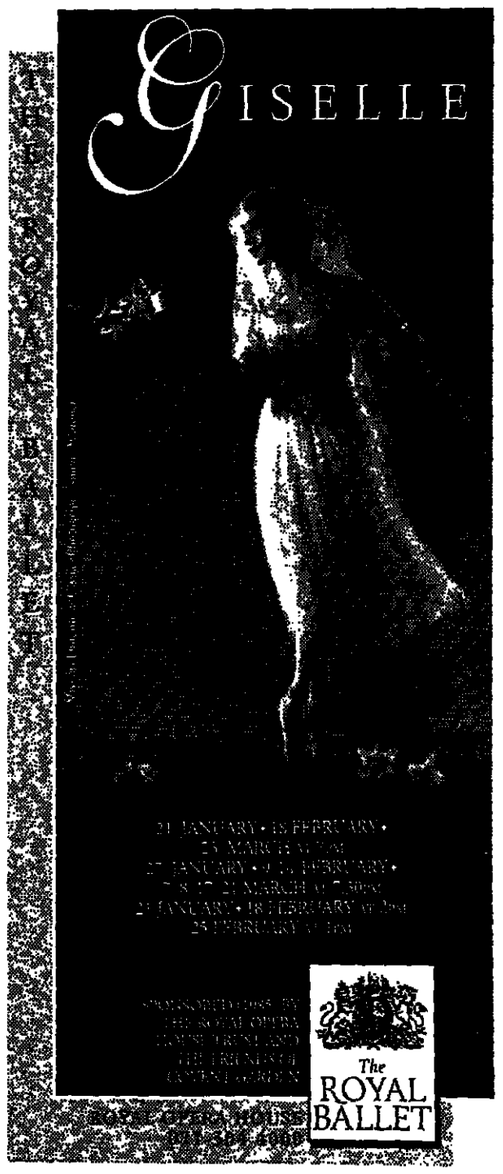
The same cast appears in a first half consisting of short sketches, some whimsical, some mildly funny, and just one authentically powerful. That shows a suicidal father in search of reassurance that his dead son is not yet forgotten. Allan Corduner, also a psychotherapist in *Medusa*, bellows out the character's rage and pain like some great wounded animal. If London Gay Theatre can continue to attract actors of his class, its voice will carry far.



Conflict: Marcus D'Amico and Carmela Marner

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE





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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE DANCE OF DEATH: Opening night for John Neville, in a rare stage appearance as Strindberg's infuriated husband, with Gemma Jones playing his comparably furious wife. Directed by Peter Stormare, the Hamlet in Bergman's production at the NT in 1987
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, until Mar 4

LONDON SCHOOLS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: There is a good chance to do some talent-spotting tonight as Christopher Adey conducts a programme of Wagner's Prelude to *Die Meistersinger* and Rachmaninov's *Symphony No 2 in E minor*. The performance also features the UK premiere of a Japanese work, Fohjiba's *Ka-un* for shakuhachi (a bamboo end-blown flute) and orchestra.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 8pm

LONDON INTERNATIONAL MIME FESTIVAL: The celebrations continue tonight with performances from Brazil, Japan and Sweden. Later in the week, the great master himself — Marcel Marceau — appears at the Queen Elizabeth Hall
Festival information (071-637 5661). Until Jan 29

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Topol returns to his alter ego Tevye in the 30th anniversary revival of **Fiddler on the Roof**, now on tour after a not unexpected success in the West End. Thelma Ruby plays Golde
Alexandra, Suffolk Street, Queensway (021-643 1231). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Feb 11

GUILDFORD: Opening night for Stephen Fry and Rik Mayall in Simon Gray's new play **Cell Mates**, tracing the odd relationship between Russian spy George Blake and the Irish petty criminal Sean Bourke who helped him escape from Wormwood Scrubs. London-bound after a stop at Richmond from Jan 30
Yvonne Arnaud, Millbrook (0483 440000). Tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until Jan 28

ST DONATS: The South Bank's touring exhibition of **David Hockney: Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm** opens here today for a month's stopover. A fun little show of some very individual interpretations of the world's most famous fairy tales
Arts Centre, The Castle near Llantwit Major. Mon-Fri, 10am-6pm

SCARBOROUGH: Mamet's **Oleanna** brings a violent battle of attitudes onstage, and may lead to furious arguments afterwards. Malcolm Hebden directs
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round, Valley Bridge Parade (0723 370541). Now previewing, 7.30pm; opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Feb 11.

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◪ **BLASTED**: In Sarah Kane's hotel-room play, a burnt-out journalist tries to seduce his 20-year-old girlfriend and a lot goes wrong
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW3 (071-730 2554). Opens tonight and tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Until Feb 4

☐ **THE COURT JESTER**: Villainous John of Gaunt plots for the crown but is foiled by an energetic jester. Quite jolly, and lively performances.
Warehouse, Dingwall Rd, East Croydon (081-680 4060). Tue, 6.30pm, Wed-Sat, 8pm, Sun, 5pm. Until Jan 29

☐ **FASCINATING AIDA**: The girls are back with an evening of glamour, quick wits and sharp tongues
Garrick, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (071-494 5085). Tonight-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm. Final week.

◪ **FLORA THE RED MENACE**: Attractive staging of Kander & Ebb's first musical, a surprising story of an all-American girl toying with communism. Lucy Tregear in the role created by Liza Minnelli
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☐ **MY NIGHT WITH REG**: John Sessions and David Bamber in Kevin Elyot's excellent, award-winning comedy with a dark edge. Six gay men in a web of reticence and deception
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Tue, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, Wed, 6.30pm and 9.15pm, mat Sat, 4pm

☐ **OUT OF A HOUSE WALKED A MAN**: Théâtre de Complicite breathes life into the mysterious tales of Daniil Kharms. The best is the corpse (Kathryn Hunter) who won't agree to be buried.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2.15pm.

☐ **PETER PAN - THE BRITISH MUSICAL**: Ron Moody and Nicola Stapleton in a version written, composed and directed by Piers Chater-Robinson
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5080). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats most days, 2.30pm. Final week.

◪ **SLAVS!**: Tony Kushner's densely packed serious comedy about the collapse of Communism. A strong cast find some passion in it but the struggle is hard, comrades.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN**: Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits petrify into grim old age. Superb performances in Albee's drama.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA**: Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival of Kurt Weill's opera. Tom Hollander sings Macheath and words by the team of writers customarily known as "Bertolt Brecht".
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◆ **KILLING ZOE** (18): Callous and showy bank robbery tale, with Eric Stoltz and Jean-Hugues Anglade. Written and directed by Roger Avary
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◆ **NOSTRADAMUS** (15): Life and prophecies of the 16th-century legend. Preposterous Euro-pudding, with Tcheky Karyo and Amanda Plummer. Director, Roger Christian
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MUSIC: A neglected German composer reassessed; and more Purcell celebrations

A saucier spirit in his youth

At the Barbican Barry Millington enjoys the surprising revelations of the BBC's Hindemith weekend



Paul Hindemith: reputation for worthy stolidity belied by provocative early operas

The very name of Hindemith strikes terror into many a musician's heart. Promoters blanch at the sound of it; audiences usually have prior commitments. As for *Ludus tonalis* — that notoriously cerebral cycle of fugues — I remember a colleague once stating a preference for being crushed by boulders.

All credit to the BBC, then, for presenting its three-day Barbican festival "Hindemith: The Rebel" in honour of the composer's centenary. It focused primarily on music from the 1920s. That arguably obviated the task of rehabilitating Hindemith, for the three one-act expressionist operas of his early maturity — *Mörder, Hoffnung der Frauen* (Murderer, Hope of Women), *Das Nusch-Nuschi* and *Sancta Susanna* — have none of the worthy stolidity for which his music is a byword. Even so, given that none of these works has apparently been heard in London before, they were a revelation.

The first is a setting of Kokoschka's consciously offensive drama, a tale of blatant sexual terrorism, which Hindemith clothes in an astonishingly assured if stylistically baffling score that echoes contemporaries as diverse as Schreker and Schoenberg. Peter Coleman-Wright and Gianna Rolandi took the lead roles in a performance that (rightly) left little to the imagination. Andrew Davis conducted the BBC Symphony Orchestra, following up with scintillating accounts of the Violin Concerto (Ulf Hoelscher as soloist) and the Symphonic Metamorphoses on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber from the later period.

The very title of *Das Nusch-Nuschi* was calculated to give offence: translatable as "Nutsnuts", the word is slang for testicles. The eponymous creature is half rat, half alligator, and although it makes only a brief appearance in the opera, it is a crucial one. The monster takes a bite out of the nether regions of the Imperial Field-Marshal, Kyce Waing, and when the latter is falsely accused of seducing the Emperor's four wives his decreed punishment of castration turns out to be otiose: he has nothing left to lose.

What offended conservative opinion in Weimar Germany was not only the lewd story but the parodic style of the music. Hindemith's satirical quotation of King Mark's monologue in Wagner's *Tristan* was the greatest desecration of all, but no doubt Pfitzner and others were also perplexed by the unsettling ending. Here Straussian lyricism seems at first to restore sanity, until one realises that it, too, is the butt of parody.

The team of excellent soloists included Jeremy White as the Field-Marshal, Barry Banks, Richard Angas, Peter Hall and Roger Bryson in various roles. Andrew Davis handled the score confidently. Earlier in the programme he had directed an equally fine performance by a section of the BBC Symphony Orchestra of the Konzertmusik for Piano, Brass and Two Harps, with some sinewy piano playing from Peter Donohoe.

The concert opened with the Toccata for player-piano, rendered by that doyen of pianolists Rex Lawson. It seemed entirely appropriate that the proceedings for this offbeat evening should be initiated by Lawson, who sports a spectacular waist-length beard that always seems in danger of getting entangled in his instrument's mechanism. The prospect of a man playing his own beard is enough to keep one on the edge of one's seat for hours.

If *Das Nusch-Nuschi* caused a scandal on aesthetic grounds, *Sancta Susanna*, from the following year (1921), generated outrage for moral reasons. The story concerns the sexual arousal of a young nun, who finally gives vent to her repressed longings by stripping naked and embracing the figure of Christ on the altar crucifix. The opera was condemned as blasphemous when first performed, and even in 1977 a Rome production fell foul of the Vatican.

Yet where *Das Nusch-Nuschi* goes out of its way to provoke, *Sancta Susanna* deals with the serious question of the borderline between religious fervour and sexual longing. Moreover, it brings into the open, in best Expressionist manner, the deep-seated instincts and powerful urges that bubble away beneath the surface, requiring only a catalyst to explode.

Hindemith's handling of the text (by the Expressionist writer August Stramm) demonstrates just how rapidly he had attained mastery. Susanna's frenzy is depicted with the whole battery of Expressionist devices: a Straussian orchestra deployed in dense, often ear-shattering textures; grotesque trills and tremolos adding their neurotic commentary; an intensity of utterance maintained for virtually the entire half-hour length.

Yan Pascal Tortelier lashed his BBC Philharmonic forces to a lather in an exciting but marvellously controlled performance that also drew magnificent contributions from Susan Bullock as Susanna, Eva Randová as Sister Klementia and Ann Howard as An Old Nun. Tortelier brought a similarly full-blooded intensity to the conclusion of the *Nobilissima Visione* suite, even if the subject of this later work (1938) deals with a more conventionally spiritual approach to religion. And in the Cello Concerto of 1940, his ardour and incisiveness were matched by those of the soloist, Mischa Maisky.

Other events offered the UK premiere of a 1921 score to Arnold Fanck's mountain film *Im Kampf mit dem Berge*, and rather better-known neo-classical works from the same decade, such as four of the Kammermusik series (London Sinfonietta under Markus Stenz). An advertisement in the programme book, superbly annotated by Calum MacDonald, warns that *Ludus tonalis* is to follow in March, played by the eccentric Finnish pianist Olli Mustonen, who purports to find the work "incredibly amusing". Who knows? Perhaps further revelations are in store.

Henry honoured

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EARLIER in the Purcell Tercentenary Festival, the King's Consort offered us a tantalising selection of the sacred music. Last week it was the turn of some of his best secular work, written for theatre or as personal tribute.

The significance and beauties of this music seem magnified, and not simply because of the quantity in this tercentenary year. Performances have come of age. In the 1960s, with notable exceptions such as Alfred Deller, Purcell was performed with heavy voices in a solidly phrased manner. Came the early-music revolution and there was an equal and opposite reaction. Lightness of sound — and often involvement — was the order of the day. Since then we have learnt not to be so hard on the music, so that now singers and players, whatever basic style they cultivate, are less reticent about performing it with subjective commitment.

So it was that in this recital two very different but equally versatile voices — Barbara Bonney's sparkling and bright, Anne Sofie von Otter's more mellow — enabled us to revel in emotional agonies and ecstasies. Purcell's versatility was nowhere demonstrated more effectively than in the two famous settings, performed here side by side, of "If music be the food of love", the one straightforward and syllabic, the other Italianate and lavish. The two voices combined deliciously in "Oh the sweet delights of love", from *Dioclesian*, and in the deeply moving Elegy on the Death of Queen Mary, "O dive custos", and with naughty humour in "Clemene, pray tell me", a little dialogue between two sexually aroused and inexperienced teenagers.

The instrumental team — a pair of violins (David Woodcock and Miles Golding), a theorbo (David Miller), a bass violin (Jane Coe) and organ and harpsichord (Robert King) — supported both artists sympathetically.

Alone, in a G minor Trio Sonata reconstructed, slightly spuriously, by Thurston Dart, their playing was sadly prosaic, but they sensed and communicated the greatness of the sixth of the Sonatas in Four Parts.

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VISUAL ART: Nine women say 'It's a Pleasure!' at the Festival Hall; plus other current shows

All smiles in female world

A new South Bank exhibition purports to put the fun back into the avant-garde. Richard Cork reports

Puritanism runs deep in British art circles. Humour is usually suspected of being lightweight, and enjoyment frowned upon as an improper response. The greater the artwork, the more serious it is supposed to be. Anything less earnest immediately smacks of frivolity, and risks dismissive remarks about terminal facetiousness.

Unafraid to tackle this prejudice head-on, a bold and stimulating show of new art has just opened under the provocative title "It's a Pleasure!" The organiser, Leah Kharibian, wants to launch an attack on the fear which, she argues, insists on sobriety at all costs. "By pleasure", she declares, "I mean neither sweetness nor some form of rapacious self-indulgence." Instead, Kharibian aims at generating the "smile inside". And to that end, she brings together nine young artists in a highly charged arena at the Festival Hall Galleries.

They are all women, but no strident feeling of a gender ghetto emerges from the show. Rather does it chime with my own belief that more and more women are now playing a vital role in the challenging new art of the 1990s. As if to symbolise this ever-growing strength, Laura Ford kicks off the show with a couple of girl sentinels. Dressed in their neatest party frocks, they stand on either side of a screen at the front of the exhibition. Festooned with flowers, their outfits could easily be nauseatingly twee.

Ford, however, subverts all that stereotyped feminine prettiness. Both figures wear knitted woollen hoods, embroidered with garish pink lips and large staring eyes. The girls' faces are covered like masked gunmen, and their hands clasp pistols with silencers attached, pointing upwards in readiness to shoot.

The combination of doll-like bodies and street-fighting equipment is unsettling. Comedy is there, certainly, but only of a corrosive kind. These anonymous heroines are far more baleful than their male counterparts might be. Ford has gone even further than Paula Rego, whose wonderfully empowered, conspiratorial girls likewise look capable of creating mayhem in a patriarchal world.

From the outset, then, "It's A Pleasure!" turns out to be far from innocuous. If playfulness forms an important part of the show, it does not prevent the contributors from exploring the darkest sides of life. Emma Rushton, who also relies on modelling and sewing, uses these archetypally female activities to put forward an equally disquieting vision. Her three stuffed monkeys might, in another context, belong to the comforting world of the nursery. Here, however, they lie sprawled, inert and bloody, on boxes covered with kitchen lino or lounge carpet. Like murder-mystery victims, each inhabiting a different room in a house full of corpses, they knew too much. That, at least, is the implication of Rushton's wry title, *Seen and Heard Everything, Said Nowt.*

Perhaps she is also suggesting that monkeys are easily pushed aside, by humans who so often despise their fellow primates. At any rate, the links between man and his Darwinian forerunners are further emphasised by Hermione Wiltshire. Her cibachrome prints, framed in white wood and viewed through strangely distorted domed glass, focus on male genitals.

> From the outset, the exhibition seems far from innocuous

Closer inspection reveals that they belong to classical statues. But unlike the appendages on so many antique carvings, these penises are intact. Dormant, pale and apparently unthreatening, they look almost innocent. Wiltshire, however, has superimposed areas of animal fur on their guileless flesh. The juxtaposition is jarring, making a nonsense of the smooth marble finish beneath.

The same uneasy responses are aroused by Wiltshire's *Casanova*, a computer-generated image dominating a large screen at the back of the exhibition space. When the animated sequence begins, we are confronted with a harmless white dish. Suddenly a golden soufflé emerges from it, pushing upwards to a prodigious height. There it stands, commanding and erect. But the moment of phallic, self-raising triumph soon passes. The soufflé sinks as rapidly as it ascended, reducing *Casanova* from a celebration of virility to an exposé of humiliating detumescence.

The switch in mood is deftly engineered, and Wiltshire is not the only artist to deploy mocking references to food. Nicola Petrie is more outrageous still, displaying two chandeliers made from the most sweet-toothed confectionary imaginable. Shamelessly kitsch, these edible sculptures could hardly be more cloying. The chandelier of pink and white fondant icing is enough to make anyone feel sick. As for its toffee neighbour, it could well have strayed from the set of a Hammer Horror movie. Its dark, burnished blades look capable of slicing through the white plinth positioned below, thereby indicating that Petrie sees them as a weapon as well as an excruciating ornament.

The third chandelier, though, is the most sinister of all. Dangling near the floor, as if on the point of collapse, it is burdened with a gruesome array of crystallised fruits. A white layer has settled on all these pomegranates, pineapples, grapes and tangerines. Rot will probably set in during the show's run, reinforcing the air of dilapidation.

Decay, in fact, provides this survey with its most bizarre moments. Sponsorship from ICI Polyurethanes and Kooltherm Insulation has enabled the resourceful Laura Godfrey-Isaacs to invade her space with a clutch of *Alien Blob* sculptures. Like some unstoppable, richly proliferating fungus, they seem to swell and pulsate before our eyes. But they are far from disgusting. The polyester resin has a perverse attraction, akin to heaped and deliciously encrusted layers of ice cream. And the absurdity of such a notion is countered by a sense of menace. For these mushrooming excrescences also resemble the clouds formed by nuclear explosions.

Like so many of the artists on view here, Godfrey-Isaacs brings about a fusion of the comic and the macabre. Maybe her sculpture's hallucinatory impact accounts for the agitated state of the figures in Jennet Thomas's paintings nearby. All based on Old Masters, mainly from the National Gallery, they rob the original pictures of their equanimity. Just as Francis Bacon once reduced Velazquez's Pope to a howling grotesque, so Thomas assails Gainsborough's daughters, Reynolds's admiral and Drouais's Madame de Pompadour.

The daughters look distraught, their faces streaked with brushstrokes reminiscent of angry tears. As for the beaming Pompadour, her plump complacency gives way to the pallor of a phantom.

If these alarming painted images seek out unease beneath the smiling surface, Annie Griffin's video performs a similar operation on a photograph of her family taken 30 years ago. It is a classic all-American line-up. While mother and father beam behind them, the five Griffin children sit on their garden wall and radiate clean-cut, sun-burnished *joie de vivre*.

Griffin, however, takes each of these faces and shows us how much they have changed. She questions them in turn, and their mutual affection is clear. Even so, their replies are often disconcerting. Her sister declares that "mum" loved Annie more than her, and their father cannot answer most of the questions he is asked about his daughter's life.

The video ends with a mysterious, dream-like sequence, where Griffin greets her parents on a runway, and then leaves them for an unknown pilot in a waiting light aircraft. As she approaches him, arrayed in her most glamorous dress, the plane taxis off. Griffin is left running after it, and the humour inherent in this galling moment sums up the brew of conflicting emotions which gives this uninhibited show its wit, energy and sting.

● *"It's a Pleasure!" is at the Festival Hall, Ballroom Floor, London SE1 until Feb 19. More work by Emma Rushton is in "Frozen When Nervous" at Atlantis Gallery, 146, Brick Lane, London E1, and Laura Godfrey-Isaacs's solo show opens at The Gallery at John Jones, 1 Morris Place, London N4 on Jan 26*



Invasion of the blobs: Laura Godfrey-Isaacs's *Monstrous*, one of several ironic pieces on show at the Festival Hall

JOHN RIDDY



Bubbling over with ideas: one of the works in David Medalla's semi-retrospective

AROUND THE GALLERIES

"WARWORKS: Women, Photography and the Art of War" is an exhibition of photographs by women that takes a sideways look at its subject. Blood, guts and heroism are replaced mainly by a process akin to archaeology, in which artists work backwards towards the past. A silent and sunny First World War battlefield photographed a decade ago by Deborah Bright acts as an empty ground to which a combination of knowledge and imagination can be applied. Masumi Hayashi's panoramic collages of the sites of Japanese prisoner-of-war compounds in the American desert embody an aptly windswept, tumbleweedy desolation. The range of work is enormous and, apart from gender, connections sometimes seem tenuous. Anna Noggle's photographs of her fellow Second World War pilot veterans convey a quite different meaning from work made by young women with no such first-hand experience. *Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500) until end of March*

☐ A large solid cube reaching to an inch or so above the height of an average visitor almost fills the gallery space. What looks at first like matted grey carpet turns out to be an elaborate covering of magnetically charged iron filings. Swathes of them swirl and whirl around the surface like tightly sprung astrakhan. This piece represents a departure from the dark political imagery of Mona Hatoum's earlier work, a move towards a more formal language dependent on an expanding repertoire of raw material. *White Cube, 44 Duke Street, St James's, London SW1 (071-930 5373) until February 25*

☐ David Medalla has been painting for two decades and making sculpture and performance works for at least three. At his semi-retrospective, which takes place in a warehouse under the title "The Secret History of the Mondrian Fan Club II"; it is probably better to consider the paintings in terms of the sculpture, the kinetic in terms of the static, and to regard any impromptu performance as a kind of historical bonus. Any misapprehensions can be addressed by the artist himself, who stays around his own exhibition much more than is usual. As one enters the exhibition, a large neon piece called *Kinetic Mudras for Piet Mondrian* introduces the theme of Mondrian's visit to this country, while paintings bearing large geometric patches of colour make direct reference to Mondrian's work. The central focus is a number of door or gateway-shaped pieces called *Cloudgate*, which are transparent constructions that push a foam of bubbles up, out, and through their sides and corners. Medalla retains an anachronistic faith in the power of an artist to make things happen. *Third Floor, 55 Gee Street, London EC1 (071-636 1930), until February 14*

☐ "Please don't hurt me" is the title of an exhibition in which heaps of videos and hours of quasi-artistic footage — either once banned or never seen — show the American artist Bob Flanagan being force-fed, or engaging in an imaginative range of self-mutilation. The exhibition which is "about pain" also includes crass cartoon illustrations in pencil, as well as a lot of cutouts and texts. Probably the most conservative or at least "artistic" arrangement is the self-help bomb-making equipment laid out in a convincingly filthy kitchen. This show is heavily dependent on a two-way relationship between desire and disgust. *Cabinet Gallery, 8 Clifton Mansions, 429 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9 (071-274 4252) until January 28*

☐ In a café which coaxes a sort of Internet existentialism from a bank of computer screens; any exhibition of pictures would hardly stand a chance. Alex Berka's computer-generated graphic visions of a *Great Classical God* and a *Grand Rococo Woman* are humorous and knowing descendants of early Modernist collage technique, in which inappropriate images are placed in unlikely relation to each other. *Cyberia, 39 Whitfield Street, London W1 (071-209 0982) until February 3*

SACHA CRADDOCK

JAZZ

In at the birth of cool

MEMBERSHIP of Bill Ashton's National Youth Jazz Orchestra is generally a guarantee of quality. Over the years, the band has nurtured a great many musicians now prominent in jazz, among them trumpeters Guy Barker and Gerard Presencer and saxophonists Chris Hunter, Dave O'Higgins and Nigel Hitchcock. Both saxophonist Julian Siegel and guitarist Phil Robson are products of the system and, if the enthusiastic reception they received from the Vortex audience is a reliable guide, they look set fair to add their names to its list of distinguished alumni.

The most immediately attractive feature of the band's sound is its eerie vitality. One of Siegel's chief inspirations is US saxophonist Joe Lovano, much of whose best work is performed in pianoless groups in front lines alongside guitarists such as Bill Frisell and John Scofield — both acknowledged influences on Robson. The space and freedom resulting from the piano's absence was fully exploited by both co-leaders.

Julian Siegel/Phil Robson Quartet
Vortex, N16

Whether simply stretching out over the familiar changes of standards such as "Autumn Leaves" and "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend", picking their way carefully through unusual arrangements of Bill Evans's "Blue In Green" or "Like Someone In Love", or playing their own cogent compositions, Siegel and Robson proved to be subtle, thoughtful improvisers, ever attentive to tonal beauty and their solos' overall shape.

A crucial factor in the band's success in capitalising on the absence of a piano was its superb rhythm section. Steve Watts's rich but live bass, and Winston Clifford's constant bristling inventiveness on drums, served not only to propel the group but to flesh out its sound, setting off Robson's considered fluency and Siegel's warm, liquid, tenor tone to perfection.

Given that both Robson and Siegel are still in their twenties, and that Siegel also plays bass, it would seem likely that each has an extremely bright musical future.

Incidentally, in last Wednesday's review, George Coleman's rhythm section was described as "bleak" rather than, as intended, "fleet". Apologies to Messrs Joseph, Green and Taylor.

CHRIS PARKER

OPERA: O'Neill's first steps out of place

Moor in need of more time

Otello
Covent Garden

YOU have to admire Dennis O'Neill for choosing to sing his first Otello, not in the decent obscurity of a regional theatre either here or abroad, but at the Royal Opera House. And, in addition, to sing it in what turned out to be a pretty routine revival of Elijah Moshinsky's eight-year-old production, a revival that nevertheless boasted two starry and experienced colleagues.

It would be unfair to his potential to suggest that this was much more than a first sketch, and if I were in a bad mood I might also suggest that it is unfair to expect audiences to pay current Covent Garden prices to witness a first sketch (ENO prices and an audience genuinely interested in the development of native artists would be quite another matter). But there was enough to indicate what an O'Neill Otello could one day be.

On the plus side is the natural warmth and musicianship of his phrasing, the velvety beauty of his tone, and a certain elemental power and lack of artifice in his stage persona that suit the role well. He can still sing softly and sweetly at the top, and Verdi would have been delighted with his expressive singing in the love duet, with every pianissimo in place. And, simply as singing, the death scene was extremely beautiful, with telling use of colour and dynamic shading.

What O'Neill lacks as yet is the ability to slip into overdrive, to stun the audience suddenly with the fullness and edge of truly heroic tone, although the fact that he did it just once — at "A terra, e piangi", when he throws Desdemona to the ground — suggests that this will come in time. And he simply hasn't the interpretative experience to do justice to the great monologues or the cries of "sangue!" But he could gain it through intensive work with a really good conductor and director.

Sergei Leiferkus repeated his riveting Iago, terrifying in its open-faced innocence, but with a sneer of collusion at the audience after the vengeance duet that must have stopped every clock in WC2.

His Iago is an intellectual, and Elena Prokina, singing Desdemona here for the first time, similarly plays her as a woman too bright to be able even to conceive of any rational explanation for her husband's behaviour.

This made her helpless terror in the last act all the more affecting: the Willow Song, every line of which was *thought*, has never (for me) made greater effect. She sang with secure, silvery tone throughout, matching O'Neill's pianissimos in the first act to stirring effect.

Ensemble could have been crisper under Carlo Rizzi's direction: another rehearsal or two might not have come amiss. He conducted the purely lyrical music sensitively, but the dramatic paragraphs need a little more backbone.

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Savicevic sparks revival for AC Milan


Savicevic: devastating

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL BY KEITH PIKE

FORM is transitory, class is permanent, as Viv Richards — as classy a batsman as has been seen — once observed. Richards, a World Cup footballer in his time, did not have AC Milan in mind, but his words could hardly have been more apposite to describe Milan's resurgence.

Two months ago, Milan's season seemed in tatters, their reputation as the best club side in world football badly tarnished. The European Cup-holders and champions of the Continent three times in six seasons appeared on the verge of elimination from the Champions' League and the only thing they appeared likely to win in the Italian league was, almost unthinkably, a place in *Serie B*. Today, their shadow again looms large over both their domestic and European rivals.

Victory over Casino Salzburg in Austria last month saw Milan overcome a two-point penalty, imposed for crowd misbehaviour, to qualify for the knockout stages of the European Cup. They play Benfica in March, and who knows how far their revival in the league will have taken them by then. "Everyone has to reckon with us again," Fabio Capello, the Milan coach, said on Sunday.

Only seven days earlier, Capello had suggested that he believed Milan had no chance of retaining their league title. That he changed his tune was due not so much to the fact that his side had extended its unbeaten run to eight matches, but the ebullience of their performance in a 5-3 win in Bari.

Milan's success has been built on an obsession with defensive organisation rather than flamboyance, but a team that had managed only 13 goals in 15 league games suddenly ran riot in the San Nicola Stadium. Or rather, Dejan Savicevic, their Montenegrin forward, did.

Savicevic, who failed to find the net in 20 games last season, put them 2-1 ahead just before half-time, struck twice more early in the second period and, after Bari had pulled back to 4-3 down, rounded off a magnificent display of finishing with his fourth — Milan's fifth — of the match. So, Milan are now sixth, still 11 points behind Juventus but with more than half the season to go. A sixth championship in seven years remains within reach.

As Savicevic, belatedly, proved his worth, Barcelona did not have to wait so long to discover a potential successor to *Romario*. As the Brazil striker flew back to Rio de Janeiro, the champions of Spain were unearthing their own matchwinner in Igor Korneyev. With Stoichkov also absent through suspension, Johan Cruyff handed Korneyev his debut in the Nou Camp against Logroñés, the bottom team, and the Russian responded by setting up goals for Bakero and Abelardo before Jordi Cruyff, the coach's son, completed a 3-0 win.

Romario, Cruyff Sr said, would not be missed — certainly not for his off-field antics, which had led to repeated brushes with the club. Less than 24 hours after completing his £3.5 million transfer to Flamengo, Romario was involved in an altercation with a newspaper photographer, who is said to have taken pictures of a woman getting into the striker's car outside a Rio hotel at 1am. Romario will recuperate during a four-day holiday, given by Flamengo for him to recover from the stress of the transfer. An exhausting business, making money.

Conditions fail to undermine Dickson's challenge

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

CHRIS DICKSON may be short of funds and without a name for his boat, but by taking the scalp of the Japanese entry in his opening race in the America's Cup yachting trials on Sunday, the New Zealand skipper has shown that he is a force to be reckoned with.

Racing in testing 20-knot winds and 8ft swells, Dickson won the start and flew round the course to secure a convincing 57-second victory over *Nippon '94*, which only the previous day had registered an upset of its own by beating John Bertrand's world championship winner, *oneAustralia*, during the opening round.

Dickson's battleship grey Bruce Farr-design boat is noticeably narrower and smaller than her rivals, with a performance thought to be optimised for the light winds expected during the decisive final rounds in April and May. It was surprising, therefore, to see Dickson's crew of underdogs, who had sailed the boat only seven times before, revelling in the extreme conditions.

"We saw 20 knots of wind on the last run," Dickson said. "We were doing 17½ knots. Not once did we have that combination of wind and waves during the 1992 Cup series.

"We've had no crew training yet and had some timing errors. It is going to be a while before we get it all sorted out, but we do know one thing: the boat is very wet. The colour is not battleship grey now, but submarine grey."

Russell Coutts's rival entry, *Team New Zealand*, is also proving hard to beat. Marc Pajot's luckless French crew lost to them yesterday by 2min 40sec, which left *Team New Zealand* and Syd Fischer's entry, *Sydney '95* — the winners on Sunday over the Spanish challengers, *Rioja de España* — as joint leaders in this first round-robin trial.

Over on the defender's course, Kevin Mahaney's *Young America*, also making its debut, scored a first victory after a close tussle with the women's crew led by J J Isler. Both crews suffered breakages but were closely matched despite this and, after the lead had changed twice, it was a penalty against the *America³* team for tacking too close to *Young America's* bow during the final beat that decided the issue.

Continuing strong winds and 12ft Pacific swells forced the postponement of all Cup racing yesterday.

RESULTS: Citizen Cup defence trials: Third race: Young America (K Mahaney) bt America³ (J.J Isler) 53sec. Louis Vuitton challenge trials: Second round: Tutukaka SPYC (C Dickson, NZ) bt Nippon '94 (M Namba, Japan) 57sec; Sydney '95 (S Fischer, Aus) bt Rioja de España (P Campos, Sp) 3min 43sec; Team New Zealand (R Coutts, NZ) bt France 2 (M Pajot, Fr) 2min 40sec.

IN BRIEF

Close fails brain scan for Eubank challenge

RAY CLOSE will not make his third challenge for Chris Eubank's World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight title in Belfast next month after he failed his medical at the weekend (Srikumar Sen writes). Eubank's new opponent will be another Irishman, Steve Collins, of Dublin, the WBO middleweight champion.

When Dr Adrian Whiteson, the chief medical officer of the British Boxing Board of Control, examined an irregularity on Close's brain scan, it was decided he should not box again. Close, 26, has had 24 contests and his last bout was against Eubank last May. He has boxed Eubank twice, the first time drawing with the champion and the second time pushing him close.

If Close has been forced to retire early, the boxing world was surprised to learn yesterday that Dennis Andries, the former world light heavyweight champion, was 48. Andries has never revealed his age. He intends to box for the world cruiserweight title if he wins the British championship on Saturday in Glasgow.

Crunch for Tour

Cycling: The sport in Great Britain has lost its second — and last — senior international stage race in 18 months with the decision yesterday that Kellogs would not sponsor the professional Tour of Britain this year, a race first held in 1987. The British Cycling Federation could not find a new sponsor for its 12-day Am-Pro tour last year to replace the Milk Race, last held in 1993, when the industry was reorganised.

Prize potting

Snooker: Anthony Hamilton, of Nottingham, compiled the highest break recorded in the qualifying competition of the world championship when, in establishing a 5-4 lead over Nick Walker in the seventh round of the event at Blackpool yesterday, he made a total clearance of 145. Hamilton, the world No 35, potted all 15 reds with 13 blacks and two pinks in the third frame. He is in line for the £5,000 pre-televised highest break prize.

Panthers mauled

Ice hockey: Nottingham Panthers suffered their first defeat in the British League at the weekend when they went down 9-8 to the unbeaten Sheffield Steelers. Ron Shurda netted the winning goal less than three minutes from the time. Steelers, who had led 6-1 early in the second period, let Panthers back into the match, conceding five goals in 12 minutes. Panthers led twice during the final period only for Less Millie and Shurda to clinch it.

S Africans change their team manager

BY DAVID HANDS AND MARK SOUSTER

WITH little more than four months to go before they stage the third Rugby World Cup, South Africa caused a surprise yesterday by sacking Jannie Engelbrecht, their manager, and appointing Morné du Plessis, the former national captain, in his place.

A specially-convened meeting of the South African Rugby Football Union (Sarfu) in Johannesburg said that the decision was taken "to ensure an atmosphere of harmony, co-operation and unity within South African rugby as the tournament draws near".

Behind the bland statement lies a chapter of discord between Engelbrecht, who has managed the team since 1993, and Louis Luyt, the president of the Sarfu.

There was a public falling-out between the two men near the end of the South Africa tour to New Zealand last summer, which was followed by Luyt's resignation as president, his swift resumption of the role and a public reconciliation with Engelbrecht.

However, there were occasional exchanges during the recent tour to Britain and thinly-veiled criticism has continued. While Engelbrecht was in Britain in November, creating an excellent impression in public relations for his team — as he did in New Zealand and Australia — Carel du Plessis, another former international wing, stood in for him at the World Cup managers' meeting, and it was his name that was touted over the weekend as a potential replacement for Engelbrecht.

However, in what will be perceived as an astute political move, Morné du Plessis (no relation) has been installed as manager up to and including the World Cup.

The former No 8 has been a leading liberal for many years and has done much to create Western Province's advanced development programme for Coloured rugby players. There is no question that he will be accepted by all shades of opinion within South African rugby and management of the national side will also give him an administrative constituency.

That, in turn, could bring him a step nearer the presidency of the Sarfu, though technically he would require a position on the Sarfu executive committee for that purpose. Luyt has constantly threatened to resign his post after overseeing the 1995 World Cup, and du Plessis is seen by many as the natural successor, not so much of Luyt as of Danie Craven, who held the post for so many years.

Meanwhile, the home unions and France begin their final countdown to the World Cup this weekend. Four countries are involved in the opening round of the five nations' championship while Scotland will be engaged against Canada at Murrayfield.

Wales, who play France in Paris, were encouraged yesterday to find that Phil Davies, the Llanelli No 8, had recovered from influenza to play a full part in training last night.

The England game against Ireland at Lansdowne Road will establish another record for Rory Underwood. The Leicester wing will become the first player from one of the home unions to reach 70 caps.

As far as five nations' — and, indeed, world — records are concerned, Philippe Sella continues to stretch away (he wins his 103rd cap for France on Saturday), but Underwood passes the mark of 69 established by Mike Gibson, of Ireland, from 1964 to 1979.

Already missing three key players, the Canadians at last received some good news yesterday when Gordon MacKinnon, their flanker, arrived in Edinburgh. While nobody is publicly admitting it, player power appears to have won the argument and seen MacKinnon recalled to the squad. Initially, he had been omitted for what has officially been described as disciplinary reasons.

Meanwhile, the Scottish Rugby Union yesterday declared its full support for the four home unions' bid for the 1999 World Cup and says it would be happy to stage group and knockout games and even the final, if required, while conceding that Cardiff is almost certain to stage the final if the tournament is held in the northern hemisphere.

IAN STEWART



Karen Brown and Simon Mason were yesterday named as the 1994 players of the year in the Norwich Union hockey awards (Sydney Friskin writes). Brown, 32, who led Slough to indoor and outdoor cup success last year, also won the award in 1984. Mason, 21, the Firebrands goalkeeper, made his mark for England when the World Cup was played in Australia. The pair topped the poll conducted by the Hockey Writers' Club.

Positive development for athletics

BE POSITIVE is perhaps not the best motto for British athletics, but that was the signal sent out yesterday with the announcement of the first new six-figure sponsors to team up with the British Athletic Federation (BAF) since the succession of failed drugs tests last summer (David Powell writes).

In addition to his upbeat message for the year ahead, Peter Radford, the executive chairman of the BAF, said that Great Britain would not rest on its laurels after staging four international championships and cups in ten months and that he had submitted a bid to host the 1998 European indoor championships.

When the world cross-country championships are held in Durham on March 25, it will climax an intense period of international events in Britain which began with the European Cup last June and included the World Cup and European cross-country championships.

Of the European indoor bid, Radford said: "I believe we are frontrunners. I have talked behind the scenes and I would not bid if I did not think we had a chance. We have got an appetite for big events and I expect them to carry on coming here."

Mazda Cars' three-year support will be worth £500,000 to the BAF, and Radford said that more sponsorships were on their way. The spate of positive drugs tests on British athletes last year made the sport more difficult to sell, but David Heslop, the managing director of Mazda, had noted that 99.6 per cent of British athletes tested were found not to be using banned substances. "It is a very small issue for us," he said. "We saw a team of people coming forward with great vigour, strength and determination." He even went so far as to say that one image associated with athletics was cleanliness.

Radford spoke of "a new look, a new team and a new agenda" in 1995, and forecast: "Athletes you are not too well aware of at the moment will be household names by the end of the season." He confirmed Malcolm Arnold's appointment as the BAF's full-time head coach.

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

EGHAM TROPHY (national mixed inter-club championship): Third round: Cumbria 112 Gateshead 52. Darlington 85 Great Aycliffe 69; Addlethorpe 59 Boston 100; South Forest 93 Barwell 63; Pinewood Park 84 County Arts 65. Brownton Hall 52 Beccles 98, Sudbury 73 Tilbury 99. Colchester 58 Essex County 102. Tye Green 72 Chesham 84. Century 86 Paddington 81. Avon Valley 99 Bromsgrove 51; Bentham 98 Banbury 55. Richmond 77 Cambridge Park 90; Sutton 81 Croydon 84; Rushmoor 61 Camberley 81. Egham 100 West Berks 71. Folkestone 74 Oyster 90. Royal Tunbridge Wells 86 Dartford Stone Lodge 61; Worthing 61 Preston 102. Grations 65 Wealden 104

BASKETBALL

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday January 21
unless stated
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Coventry v Arsenal X
2 Ipswich v Chelsea 2
3 Leicester v Leeds 2
4 Nott'm F v A Villa 1
5 QPR v Norwich 1
6 Sheff W v Newcastle 1
7 South'pton v W Ham 2
8 Wimbledon v Liverpool X
Not on coupons: Everton v Crystal Palaces; Manchester Utd v Blackburn (Sunday); Tottenham v Man City.

FIRST DIVISION
9 Bolton v Charlton 1
10 Bristol C v Sheff Utd 2
11 Burnley v Reading 1
12 Middlesbro v Grimsby 1
13 Southend v Port Vale X
14 Stoke v Barnsley X
15 Sunderland v Notts Co 1
16 West Brom v Watford 1
Not on coupons: Derby v Portsmouth (Sun); Luton v Wolves, Millwall v Swindon; Tranmere v Oldham (Sun).

SECOND DIVISION
17 Birm ham v Shr'sbury 1
18 Bradford v Bristol R 2
19 Brighton v Cardiff 1
20 Camb'ge v Bourn'm'th 1
21 Chester v Peterboro 2
22 Hudd'field v York 1
23 Hull v Brentford X
24 Leyton O v Blackpool 1
25 Oxford v Stockport X
26 Plym'th v Rotherham 2
27 Swansea v Crewe 1
28 Wycombe v Wrexham X

THIRD DIVISION
29 Barnet v Lincoln 1
30 Fulham v North'pton 1
31 Gillingham v Colch'str 2
32 Hereford v Chesf'field 2
33 Preston v Mansfield X
34 Rochdale v Carlisle 2
35 Scarboro v Bury X
36 Scunthorpe v Torquay X
37 Walsall v Darlington 1
38 Wigan v Hartlepool 1
Not on coupons: Doncaster v Exeter.

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
39 Chorley v Accrington X
40 Horwich v Emley 1
41 Whitley Bay v Buxton 1

SCOTTISH PREMIER
42 Dundee U v Moth'well X
43 Hibernian v Aberdeen 1
44 Kilmarnock v Falkirk 1
45 Partick v Celtic 2
46 Rangers v Hearts 1

SCOTTISH FIRST
47 Clydebank v Dundee 2
48 Dunf'mline v Hamilton 1
49 St Johnst'n v St Mirren 1
50 Stranraer v Raith 2

SCOTTISH SECOND
51 Brechin v Berwick 2
52 Clyde v Q of South 1
53 Dumbarton v Stirling 2
54 East Fife v Stenh'muir 1
55 Meadowb'k v Morton 2

SCOTTISH THIRD
56 Albion v Montrose 2
57 Alloa v Forfar X
58 Arbroath v Cowd'b'th 1
Not on coupons: Queen's Park v Caledonian; Ross v East Stirling.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Coventry, Wimbledon, Southend, Stoke, Hull, Oxford, Wycombe, Preston, Scarborough, Scunthorpe, Chorley, Alloa.
BEST DRAWS: Coventry, Wimbledon, Southend, Hull, Scunthorpe
AWAYS: Chelsea, Bristol Rovers, Peterborough, Rotherham, Chesterfield.
HOMES: Queens Park Rangers, Bolton, Burnley, Sunderland, West Brom, Brighton, Cambridge, Barnet, Fulham, Wigan, Hibernian, Dunfermline.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Queens Park Rangers, Sunderland, West Brom, Brighton, Wigan. Aways: Bristol Rovers, Peterborough, Rotherham. Draws: Coventry, Wimbledon, Southend

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CRICKET

India A v England A

BANGALORE. First international match (third day of five). India A lead England A by 94 runs with three second-innings wickets in hand

INDIA A: First innings 300 (V Rathore 90, R Dravid 60; R D Stemp 6 for 83).
Second innings
J Singh c Ramprakash b Chapple 5
V Rathore c Nixon b Chapple 10
A Muzumdar not out 48
*†P Amre c Cork b Chapple 12
R Dravid b Cork 1
S Bahutule c Salisbury b Cork 1
IV Yadav c Salisbury b Weekes 5
U Chatterjee c Ramprakash b Stemp ... 0
R Chauhan not out 0
Extras (lb 1) 1
Total (7 wkts) 83
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-21, 3-43, 4-44, 5-48, 6-77, 7-80
BOWLING: Cork 11-3-31-2; Chapple 11-2-21-3; Stemp 9-2-12-1; Salisbury 5-2-16-0, Weekes 3-1-2-1.

ENGLAND A: First innings
N V Knight c Yadav b Chatterjee 50
M P Vaughan b w b Mhambrey 1
J E R Gallian c Rathore b Bahutule ... 58
M R Ramprakash c Yadav b Chauhan ... 99
*A P Wells c Muzumdar b Chatterjee ... 20
P N Weekes b w b Bahutule 3
D G Cork c and b Bahutule 6
†P A Nixon c sub b Bahutule 0
G Chapple c Chatterjee b Mhambrey .. 26
I D K Salisbury c Muzumdar b Mhambrey 9
R D Stemp not out 2
Extras (b 8, nb 11) 19
Total 289
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-97, 3-136, 4-191, 5-207, 6-213, 7-213, 8-255, 9-283.
BOWLING: Mhambrey 14.3-3-42-3; Kuruvilla 7-0-23-0; Chauhan 28-7-67-1, Chatterjee 26-6-53-2; Bahutule 37-10-96-4
Umpires: V K Ramaswamy and Jasbir Singh.

CASTLE CUP: Port Elizabeth. Western Province 326-5 dec and second innings forfeited: Eastern Province 0-0 dec and 327-5 (L Koen 138 not out, K Wessels 107). Eastern Province won by 5 wkts. East London: Transvaal 379-8 dec; Border 116-3. Match drawn. Durban: Natal 450-8 dec and 40-1 dec, Boland 250 (K Curran 85) and 129. Natal won by 111 runs.

FORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad: First Test: England Under-19 317 (Schofield 83, McGrath 79, Sales 70) and 199-4 dec (Trescothick 106 not out); West Indies Youth 168 (Murphy 52; Fantoff 5-39) and 152-7 (Murphy 49; Solanki 4-50)

RED STRIPE CUP: St John'a, Antigua: Leeward Islands 310, Guyana 136 (J Joseph 4-36) and 90 (L Weekes 4-15, Joseph 4-37). Leeward Islands won by an innings and 84 runs. Kingston, Jamaica: 383, Trinidad and Tobago 260-5 (S Ragoonath 97 not out, P Simmons 83). Kingstown, St Vincent: Barbados 440-5. Windward Island 289 (D Joseph 94, W Reid 6-73) and 0-0

FOOTBALL

FA VASE: Draw for fourth round: Raunds v St Andrews; Arlesey v Ossett Albion or Desborough; Falmouth v Belper; Taunton v Oxford City; Canvey Island v Stamco; Cammell Laird v Burscough; Metropolitan Police v Halstead or Hadleigh; Stocksbridge Park Steels or Eastwood Hanley v Basildon.
Matches to be played on February 4

FA WOMEN'S CUP: Draw for quarter-finals: FC Ladies v Croydon; Leyton Orient v Arsenal; Bristol City v Huddersfield Town, Wembley or Doncaster Belles v Wigan or St Helens or Garswood
Matches to be played on February 12

GLIDING

OMARAMA, New Zealand: World championships: Leaders: Seventh day (provisional). Open: 674km quad (nine completions of 15): R Lynskey (Nimbus 4, NZ), 134.9kph, 1,000pts. Overall: U Schwank (ASW 22L, Ger) 6,626pts 15 metre: 525km quad (22 completions of 30): T Delore (LS8A, NZ) 148.04kph, 1,000pts. Britain: 4, J Wilt (LS8) 127.38, 795; 12, A Key (LS8CW) 121.08, 733; 15, C Garton (LS6C) 113.83, 661. Overall: Napoleon (Fr) 6,332pts. British: 17, Garton 5,074. Standard: 523km quad (32 completions of 42): M Wells (LS8, GB) 133.26kph, 1,000pts. British: 7, B Spreckley (LS8) 127.67, 934; 8, A Davis (Discus) 127.58, 933; 35, S Jones (Discus BT) 483.3km, 440. Overall: Davis 6,262pts. Other British: 4, Wells 6,100; 5, Spreckley 6,071

GOLF

HONOLULU: Hawaiian Open: Final scores (US unless stated): 269: J Morse 71, 65, 65, 68. 272: T Lehman 68, 70, 67, 67, D Waldorf 68, 65, 71, 68. 274: P Azinger 72, 67, 69, 66; W Glasson 70, 70, 68, 66; D Pohl 69, 67, 69, 69. 275: J Huston 72, 68, 69, 66, M Brooks 66, 69, 69, 70.

ORLANDO: Women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 281: D Coe-Jones (Can) 74, 70, 69, 69. 287: E Daniel 69, 73, 74, 71. 288: P Bradley 79, 71, 70, 68, E King 71, 74, 71, 72. 289: H Alfredsson (Swe) 74, 73, 70, 72. 292: L Neumann (Swe) 73, 71, 71, 75; L Davies (GB) 74, 73, 70, 73

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Cardiff 12 Whitley Bay 5; Durham 10 Milton Keynes 3; Edinburgh 9 Humberside 9; Fife 7 Bracknell 4, Peterborough 4 Basingstoke 3, Sheffield 9 Nottingham 8. First division: Blackburn 5 Cleadford 6, Guildford 7 Swindon 4; Lee Valley 11 Paisley 7, Medway 24 Teesside 3, Solihull 10 Dumfries 6; Trafford 5 Slough 5.

SKIING

KITZBÜHEL: Alpine World Cup: Super giant slalom: 1, G Mader (Austria) 1min 21.52sec; 2, P Runggaldier (It) 1.21.55; 3, A Aamodt (Austria) 1.21.70; 4, P Nyberg (Swe) 1.21.96; 5, W Perathoner (It) 1.22.02; 6, R Kroell (Austria) 1.22.04. British: 44, M Bell 1.24.78. Positions (after two races): 1, Mader 124pts. 2, Runggaldier 118. 3, Moe 108.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE: Australian Open: Men's singles: First rounds: J Courier (US) bt D Rikl (Cz) 6-4, 6-0; 7-6, M Stich (Ger) bt J Tarango (US) 6-3, 6-1, 6-3, T Ho (US) bt K Thorne (US) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt L Paes (India) 6-1, 7-5, 7-6, S Pescosolido (It) bt A Ilie (Aus) 7-6, 6-2, 6-1; J Siemerink (Hol) bt M Washington (US) 6-4, 7-5, 6-2; L Rehmann (Ger) bt L Mattar (Bra) 6-3, 6-4, 5-1, M Chang (US) bt P Kilderry (Aus) 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; J Apell (Swe) bt C Pistine (Fr) 7-6, 6-1; 6-3; C Caratti (It) bt L Roux (Fr) 6-3, 6-1, 6-1; S Edberg (Swe) bt M Philippoussis (Aus) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 7-5; P Sampras (US) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-3, 6-2, 6-0, A O'Brien (US) bt P Cash (Aus) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5; J Eisner (Holl) bt M Wilander (Swe) 6-3, 7-6, 6-4; J Kroslak (Slovakia) bt J Palmer (US) 6-2, 6-2, 6-7, 4-6 6-0, T Muster (Austria) bt R Reneberg (US) 2-6, 6-2, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3; A Krickstein (US) bt M Goellner (Ger) 6-3, 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, K Alami (Mor) bt B Gilbert (US) 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; T Carbonile (Fr) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus) 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt J Morgan (Aus) 6-7, 7-5, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, S Lareau (Can) bt S Bryan (US) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6; A Volnes (Rom) bt F Dewulf (Bel) 6-2, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bt G Raoux (Fr) 2-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-3, R Fromberg (Aus) bt R Gilbert (Fr) 6-4, 6-2, 6-0; J Jonsson (Swe) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6; W Ferreira (SA) bt K Braasch (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; L Burgsmuller (Ger) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor) 6-3, 6-7, 6-1, 7-6

Women's singles: First round: M Pierce (Fr) bt T Kirzan (Slovenia) 6-1, 6-0; N Zvereva (Belarus) bt A Fusai (Fr) 6-4, 6-0; M Hingis (Switz) bt J Wallachebe (US) 6-0, 7-6; S Farina (It) bt G Fernandez (US) 7-5, 6-2, S Stafford (US) bt A Miller (US) 6-3, 6-4; P Tarabini (Arg) bt N Prat (Aus) 6-0, 6-1; Y Kamo (Japan) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 7-6, 6-1; K Boogert (Holl) bt L Ferrando (It) 6-0, 4-6, 6-0; M Oremans (Holl) bt S-T Wang (Tai) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Y Basuki (India) bt G Helgason Nielson (US) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, A Smashnova (Isr) bt E Wagner (Ger) 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; A Huber (Ger) bt L Richterova (Cz) 6-2, 6-4, A Frazier (US) bt A Ellwood (Aus) 6-0, 6-2; T Whittinger Jones (US) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-2, 6-4; K Habsudova (Slovakia) bt N Sawamatsu (It) 6-4, 6-2; K Nagatsuka (Japan) bt B Schett (Aus) 6-3, 6-4; S Cacic (US) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-2, 6-2; B Reinstadler (Austria) bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-1, 7-6; V Martinek (Ger) bt L Neiland (Lat) 7-5, 6-3; A Coetzer (SA) bt A Monaco (Sp) 6-2, 6-2; K Godridge (Aus) bt N Miyagi (Japan) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1; L McNeil (US) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-3, 6-3; B Paulus (Austria) bt E Zardo (Switz) 7-5, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) bt S Ritner (Ger) 6-3, 6-2, S Maier (Ger) bt J Taylor (Aus) 7-5, 2-6, 6-2, M Bollegraf (Holl) bt S Ritner (Holl) 7-6, 7-5.

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	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	75	135	good	powder	good	fine	-4	12/1
(Excellent snow and skiing in all areas; no queues)								
Kitzbühel	80	135	good	powder	good	fine	-4	13/1
(Excellent skiing everywhere; avalanche risk decreasing)								
Mayrhofen	50	120	good	powder	good	fine	1	13/1
(Excellent sunny skiing on soft-packed snow)								
Schladming	75	140	good	heavy	icy	fine	-3	13/1
(All upper slopes good; resort runs getting icy)								
FRANCE								
Les Arcs	100	250	good	powder	good	fine	-3	13/1
(Good skiing, even down to 1,200 metres)								
Courchevel	90	185	good	varied	good	sun	-6	12/1
(All pistes in good condition; most lifts open)								
Flaine	125	220	good	varied	good	sun	6	12/1
(Excellent skiing on empty pistes)								
La Plagne	100	210	good	varied	fair	fine	0	12/1
(Skiing generally excellent; a few stones on busy runs)								
Megève	75	170	good	powder	good	fine	-4	12/1
(Conditions could not be better; perfect skiing)								
SWITZERLAND								
Grindelwald	40	100	good	varied	good	fine	-4	12/1
(Superb skiing continues; 45 of 46 lifts open)								
Mürren	105	160	good	heavy	good	fine	0	12/1
(Generally excellent skiing; odd hard patch developing)								
St Moritz	70	130	good	varied	good	sun	-10	13/1
(Good skiing; very few skiers about; no queues)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

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Owner harbours 2,000-1 dream for two-mile championship

Wild Atlantic rides wave of ambition

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

THE countdown to the National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham began yesterday with the publication of the entries for the Tote-sponsored Gold Cup and the two-mile Queen Mother Champion Chase — which included one of the biggest outsiders for years.

Wild Atlantic, the winner of two minor contests at Carlisle during an undistinguished 35-race career, has been entered for the Champion Chase on the instructions of his owner, Albert Cardy, who wishes to see the 2,000-1 "no-hoper" carry his silks at the Festival.

Cardy, a 37-year-old taxi driver who lives at St Bees, near Whitehaven, said: "It will take all my money to enter him but it has always been an ambition to have a runner at Cheltenham. I will not be able to afford to go to Cheltenham but I will get just as much enjoyment watching the race on television.

"Even if all 15 entries run my horse will not be last. He will be in the first six. In my mind Wild Atlantic is a champion and he deserves his chance. He will outjump everything in the field."

The 12-year-old has a handicap mark of 82, barely above selling class, against the official rating of 165 allocated to Viking Flagship, the David Nicholson-trained entry, who is a short-priced favourite to follow up last year's victory.

The most generous interpretation of the form book suggests Wild Atlantic would need to receive six stones, or a furlong start, to have any prospect of winning the race. At level weights, Wild Atlantic has as much chance of success as 'Del Boy' Trotter has of winning the British Grand Prix in his Reliant Robin.

Zoe Green, the Bonchester Bridge, Carlisle, trainer, has had Wild Atlantic in her yard for only three weeks and was surprised, to put it mildly, at the owner's request. "I was looking for the worst race I could find to enter him in," she said. "When Mr Cardy phoned me I could hardly believe it but the owner wants a bit of fun and he pays the bills." The entry fees to race will be £800.

Wild Atlantic has had leg trouble since finishing fourth in a novices' handicap chase at Sedgefield last May and will go to Cheltenham without a preparatory run. However, it is not beyond the bounds of possibility he will finish in the prize-money, which extends to sixth place, especially if the ground is firm.

Only 15 horses have been entered for the £125,000 race, and of those at least half a dozen must be considered doubtful starters. Fast ground would deter others. Ladbrokes bet: 6-4 Viking Flagship, 5-2 Travado, 8-1 Bradbury Star, 10-1 Deep Sensation, 14-1 others.

The Irish influence is an integral part of the Festival's charm and is underlined by the country's six entries for the Gold Cup, headed by Merry Gale. However, it is the four from France which are likely to be of more interest to punters after the success last year of The Fellow, trained by François Doumen.

Apart from The Fellow, Doumen has also entered Algan, the 16-1 winner of the King George VI Chase at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, and Val D'Alene, an effortless winner at Lingfield on his British debut last month. Arenice, a most interesting runner trained at Pau by François Rohaut, completes the French challenge.

The seven-year-old has twice beaten Algan and finished third in the Grand Steeplechase de Paris at Auteuil last June, with The Fellow fifth. He is likely to have a run over Cheltenham's fences in the Pillar Property Investments Chase on January 28 and will stay at David Nicholson's yard while in Britain.

Yesterday's five-day entries for the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock on Saturday included four leading Gold Cup hopes — Monsieur Le Cure, Jodami, Raymylette and Young Hustler — and the race should prove to be an intriguing Cheltenham trial.

Total prize-money at the three-day Festival will be £1,105,000, up by more than four per cent, with sponsors contributing almost half.

The Tote, in addition to funding the Gold Cup, has signed a sponsorship deal worth £25,000 with owners in John Dunlop's 150-strong Arundel stable. The 12-month contract is one of the biggest sponsorships negotiated since the Government allowed owners to register for VAT.

Dunlop, who trained the Hamdan Al-Maktoum owned Erhaab to win the Derby last year, has more than 100 owners and the Tote sponsorship will see "Tote sponsored", incorporating the Tote logo, on jackets worn by stable staff and on sweat sheets used on stable runners after each race.



Jodami, left, seeks to recapture his Gold Cup-winning form of two years ago in the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock on Saturday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Seasonal Splendour
(1.15 Chepstow)
Next best: Banjo
(2.45 Chepstow)

CHELTENHAM ENTRIES

TOTE CHELTENHAM GOLD CUP (£185,000 added: 3m 2f: 35 entries)
Algan (trained by F Doumen, Fr), Antonin (Mrs S Bramall), Arenice (F Rohaut, Fr), Barton Bank (D Nicholson), Beech Road (G Balding), Belvederian (M Morris, Ire), Black Humour (C Brooks), Blazing Walker (P Cheesbrough), Bradbury Star (J Gifford), Chatam (M Pipe), Commercial Artist (V Bowens, Ire), Crystal Spirit (I Balding), Deep Bramble (P Nicholls), Dubacilla (D Nicholson), Earth Summit (N Twiston-Davies), Flashing Steel (J Mulhern, Ire), Jodami (P Beaumont), Katabatic (J Gifford), Martomick (K Bailey), Master Oats (K Bailey), Merry Gale (J Dreaper, Ire), Miinnehoma (M Pipe), Monsieur Le Cure (J Edwards), Nevada Gold (F Yardley), Nuaffe (P Fahy, Ire), One Man (G Richards), Raymylette (N Henderson), Royal Athlete (Mrs J Pitman), Second Schedual (Miss A McMahon, Ire), The Fellow (F Doumen, Fr), Val D'Alene (F Doumen, FR), Very Very Ordinary (C Brooks), Whispering Steel (K Bailey), Young Hustler (N Twiston-Davies), Zeta's Lad (C Brooks). To be run on March 16.

QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE (2m: 15 entries)
Absalom's Lady (D Elsworth), Bradbury Star (J Gifford), Coulton (O Sherwood), Current Express (N Henderson), Deep Sensation (J Gifford), Egypt Mill Prince (Mrs J Pitman), Katabatic (J Gifford), Nakir (S Christian), Snitton Lane (W Clay), Sybillin (Jimmy Fitzgerald), Travado (N Henderson), Uncle Ernie (Jimmy Fitzgerald), Vallinet (M Pipe), Viking Flagship (D Nicholson), Wild Atlantic (Miss Z Green). To be run on March 15.

Sherwood delays decision on Irish Champion

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

A CLASH between the Champion Hurdle favourite, Large Action, and two of the top Irish hurdlers, Fortune And Fame and Montelado, in the AIG Europe Irish Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown on Sunday, is dependent on the weather.

Large Action is one of nine horses left in the race and his trainer, Oliver Sherwood, said yesterday: "There's a firm possibility he will travel. It all depends on the ground. If it keeps wet and the going turns heavy he won't run, but if it is reasonable we will more than likely go over." Sherwood will leave a final decision until Friday.

The forecast for the Dublin area is for broken weather, but Tony Corcoran, the Leopardstown manager, is hopeful the course will avoid the worst of it. The ground is at present soft to heavy.

Richard Dunwoody has been offered the ride on last year's Irish Champion winner, Fortune And Fame, but his availability depends on a Jockey Club disciplinary committee hearing tomorrow. Dunwoody has to face the committee on a charge of intentional interference at Uttoxeter 11 days ago. Dunwoody is hoping that a ban would not begin until after the weekend, allowing him to ride on Sunday.

If he is ruled out, either Adrian Maguire or Brendan Sheridan will ride Fortune And Fame, who has not run since last April.

Montelado, off the course for almost two years since breaking the track record in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham, is a definite runner with Charlie Swan on board. His trainer, Pat Flynn, is also considering letting his top novice, Aries Girl, run in the race as a prep for the Sun Alliance Hurdle. "It may help sharpen her jumping and a decision will be made later in the week," he said.

Hanley to decide whether his country needs him

By Christopher Irvine

ELLERY HANLEY will reveal today whether he feels he can afford to ignore his own claims for a return to international rugby league after a two-year absence when he names the England squad for the game against Wales in Cardiff on February 1.

The Great Britain and England coach's tally of 25 tries this season would guarantee anyone else a place in the 22-strong party for the opening John Smith's European championship match at Ninian Park. Wearing playing and coaching hats at Leeds has hardly diminished Hanley's appetite, and he has scored 18 times in his past ten matches, a strike-rate that puts even Martin Offiah's recent try-scoring feats in the shade.

Hanley's argument against appearing for Great Britain in the series against Australia before Christmas was that there were better players around. If form is the yardstick, however, Hanley, 33, would be included on merit. With the world sevens in Australia denying him four first-choice players, Offiah among them, there is room for manoeuvre.

Kelvin Skerrett, Martin Hall and Neil Cowie, the Wigan front row, were yesterday named in a 25-strong Wales squad by Clive Griffiths, the coach. There was no place, however, for Richard Eyres, of Leeds, another player with a Welsh grandparent. He could conceivably end up back in the England fold this morning. Paul Atcheson, of Wigan, and Kieron Cunningham, the promising St Helens hooker, two more adopted Welshmen, were included.

WALES SQUAD: Backs: P Atcheson (Wigan), A Bateman (Warrington), G Cordle (Bradford), J Davies (Warrington), K Ellis (Workington), P Ford (Salford), J Griffiths (St Helens), A Hadley (Widnes), I Harris (Warrington), J Lee (Warrington), D Powell (Wakefield), A Sullivan (St Helens). Forwards: N Cowie (Wigan), K Cunningham (St Helens), M Hall (Wigan), M Jones (Hull), I Marlow (Wakefield), P Moriarty (Halifax), R Phillips (Workington), M Perrett (Halifax), S Quinnell (Wigan), K Skerrett (Wigan), I Stevens (Hull), R Webster (Salford), D Young (Salford)

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER
1.30 Cliburnel News. 2.00 Water Bebe. 2.30 Sarasi. 3.00 Little Miss Ribot. 3.30 Hoist. 4.00 Distant Dynasty.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Water Bebe. 2.30 BATTLESHIP BRUCE (nap). 4.00 As Such.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.30 YARMOUTH CLAIMING STAKES (£2,981: 1m 5f) (7 runners)
1 (5) 25-2 IN THE MONEY 10 (F,G) R Hollinshead 6-9-7 T Ives 84
2 (4) 014- ELEMENTARY 80 (F,G) N Walker 12-9-5 R Cochrane 93
3 (3) 0-42 SURPRISE GUEST 10 (C,BF,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-9-7 T Williams 86
4 (6) 02-3 PHARAMINEUX 10 (F,F,G) R Akehurst 9-8-11 G Carter 82
5 (7) 646- CLIBURNEL NEWS 83 (D,F,G) W Muir 5-8-10 J Weaver 87
6 (1) 50-1 CARLOWITZ 7 (CD,G) A Moore 7-8-9 Candy Morris [illegible]
7 (2) 53-4 AERIAL VIEW 10 W G M Turner 4-8-7 G Duffield 79
3-1 Pharamineux, 7-2 In The Money, 4-1 Surprise Guest, 5-1 Carlowitz, Cliburnel News, 7-1 Elementary, 12-1 Aerial View

2.00 VENTNOR SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,483: 7f) (10)
1 (6) 410- IRON MAN 17 (B,CD,G) J White 9-2 S Drowne (5) 92
2 (8) 04-0 FAIRY'S SON 12 (B) W Muir 8-11 Stephen Davies 79
3 (7) 00-0 MORE BILLS 14 A Moore 8-11 Candy Morris 74
4 (9) 45-5 ROWLANDSONS SILVER 12 D Murray Smith 8-11 C Rutter 89
5 (3) 30-5 FAHEMA 12 (BF) R Boss 8-6 G Duffield 98
6 (4) 00- GRIFFIN'S GIRL 80 R Hoad 8-6 G Carter –
7 (10) 0 NANNY DOON 15 M Johnston 8-6 T Williams –
8 (1) 05-0 ROCKFIELD LADY 3 (V) I Campbell 8-6 R Cochrane –
9 (2) SLYBIRD M Ryan 8-6 A Clark –
10 (5) -241 WATER BEBE 8 (D,F,G) G Bravery 8-6 D R McCabe (5) [illegible]
2-1 Water Bebe, 7-2 Fahema, 4-1 Iron Man, 7-1 Rowlandsons Silver, 8-1 Fairy's Son, 10-1 Rockfield Lady, 12-1 others.

2.30 SHANKLIN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,556: 1m) (5)
1 (3) 024- NO PATTERN 41 (C,G) G L Moore 9-7 L Suthern (7) 91
2 (2) 000- STAR WITNESS 17 (F) J Moore 9-3 A Shoults [illegible]
3 (4) 62-1 SARASI 12 (C,G) P Cole 9-3 C Rutter 97
4 (1) 11-1 BATTLESHIP BRUCE 14 (CD,G,S) N Callaghan 9-2 S Sanders (5) 94
5 (5) 00-1 WATER HAZARD 3 (C,G) S Dow 8-0 (6ex) Stephen Davies 97
7-4 Battleship Bruce, 2-1 Sarasi, 5-1 No Pattern, 6-1 Water Hazard, 8-1 Star Witness

3.00 NEWPORT HANDICAP (£3,081: 1m 2f) (12)
1 (9) 4-11 EDTESAAD 6 (CD,G) S Williams 4-10-2 (5ex) T Ives 97
2 (10) 300- BRAVEBOY 82 (S) C Brittain 7-10-0 B Doyle 92
3 (11) 01-2 KAAFIH HOMM 5 (C,BF,G) N Callaghan 4-9-6 R Cochrane [illegible]
4 (12) 05-3 MY MINNIE 12 (G) B Meehan 5-9-4 J Weaver 97
5 (1) 520- FATHER DAN 140 (F) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-3 D Wright (3) 92
6 (5) 00-2 NIGHT EDITION 5 (CD,G,S) S Dow 5-8-7 B Carter 93
7 (7) 0-53 CHILI LADY 7 J Moore 5-8-7 S Drowne (5) 95
8 (3) 044- TINA'S CHARM 8J (G) J Moore 5-8-5 A Clark 96
9 (4) 000- COALISLAND 8J (C,G) R Ingram 5-8-5 W Woods 90
10 (8) 00-0 GREATEST HOPES 10 C Benstead 4-8-1 T Williams 98
11 (2) 200- LITTLE MISS RIBOT 67 (F) R O'Sullivan 5-8-1 Stephen Davies 98
12 (6) 000- EZEKIEL 17 J Payne 4-7-13 G Bardwell 88
7-2 Edtesaad, 9-2 Kaafih Homm, 5-1 Chili Lady, 6-1 My Minnie, 7-1 Night Edition, 8-1 Father Dan, 10-1 Braveboy, Little Miss Ribot, 12-1 others.

3.30 COWES MAIDEN STAKES (£3,556: 6f) (7)
1 (2) 6-6 ELA PALIKARI MOU 12 (BF) R Akehurst 4-9-7 G Carter –
2 (5) 0- FORBIDDEN GEM 17 S Woodman 4-9-7 T Ives –
3 (7) 233- HOIST 144 M Prescott 4-9-2 G Duffield 94
4 (1) 35-3 JOINT EFFORT 5 A Moore 4-9-2 S Sanders (5) 78
5 (4) 02-3 KEEPER'S GREY 11 (B) R Guest 3-8-5 DOUBTFUL 82
6 (3) 380- FRIENDLY LADY 28 W O'Gorman 3-8-0 D Wright (3) [illegible]
7 (6) 000- JERSEY BELLE 33 P Makin 3-8-0 Stephen Davies 86
6-4 Hoist, 3-1 Friendly Lady, 9-2 Ela Palikari Mou, 6-1 Joint Effort, 8-1 Jersey Belle, 20-1 Forbidden Gem.

4.00 RYDE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,663: 5f) (10)
1 (6) 30-5 WARWICK WARRIOR 15 (E,D,F,G) Mrs L Piggott 4-10-0 G Milligan (5) 93
2 (1) 041- DAAWIERA 17 (B,CD,G,S) P Howling 5-9-8 Debbie Biggs (5) 95
3 (7) -063 MINEACRES 8 (B,CD,F,G) D Nicholls 4-9-5 A Eddery (5) 98
4 (4) 002- AS SUCH 17 (B,CD,G) N Callaghan 4-9-4 D R McCabe [illegible]
5 (10) 005- AMAZING NEWS 213 M Camacho 4-9-4 S Lanigan (5) 89
6 (3) 0-00 HINARI VIDEO 6 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 10-9-3 Oliver Casey (5) 85
7 (2) 5-24 DISTANT DYNASTY 5 (CD,G,S) B Pearce 5-8-13 S Sanders 94
8 (9) 605- CHEEKY CHAPPY 33 (B) D Chapman 4-8-0 C Teague (3) 92
9 (5) 500- BANBURY FLYER 47 (C,D,F,G) Mrs A King 7-7-13 N Varley 92
10 (8) 52-2 PAT POINDESTRES 10 (C,BF,G) R O'Sullivan 5-7-12 C Hawksley (3) 94
7-2 Daawiera, 5-1 Distant Dynasty, Mineacres, 6-1 As Such, Pat Poindestres, Warwick Warrior, 10-1 Amazing News, 12-1 Banbury Flyer, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Bravery, 5 winners from 15 runners, 33.3%; N Walker, 5 from 15, 33.3%; S Williams, 3 from 9, 33.3%; P Cole, 21 from 84, 25.0%; M Prescott, 16 from 79, 20.3%; W O'Gorman, 33 from 164, 20.1%.

JOCKEYS: L Suthern, 3 winners from 13 rides, 23.1%; J Weaver, 25 from 124, 20.2%; G Duffield, 20 from 99, 20.2%; L Carter, 7 from 40, 17.5%; R Cochrane, 19 from 126, 15.1%; B Doyle, 24 from 171, 14.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chepstow: 1.15 Chris's Glen. Lingfield Park: 2.00 Fairy's Son.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER
1.15 Flight Lieutenant
1.45 MIAMI SPLASH (nap)
2.15 Allegation
2.45 Banjo
3.15 Project's Mate
3.45 Jailbreaker
4.15 Flapjack Lad

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.15 JASON'S BOY.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) SIS

1.15 GROUSE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,724: 2m 110yd) (24 runners)
101 45-6403 CHRIS'S GLEN 10 (V) (The Tote End Racing Club) J Bradley 6-11-8 Guy Lewis (5) 59
102 000050/ DONT RISE ME 573 (M Churches) M Churches 5-11-8 Mr J Culloty (7) –
103 FILS DE CRESSON (J Adam) A Turnell 5-11-8 S McNeill –
104 30 FLASHMAN 7 (C Simpson) B Llewellyn 5-11-8 Mr J L Llewellyn (5) 80
105 40-3 FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 60 (BF) (P & S Lever Partners) R Hannon 6-11-8 G McCourt [illegible]
106 KAIFOON (J Pearl) P Ritchens 6-11-8 S Fox (5) –
107 0-0 KISMETIM 32 (S Molloy) F Jordan 5-11-8 J Lodder –
108 00-0 MUTUAL MEMORIES 83 (Tilley Wright Partnership) N Henderson 7-11-8 M A Fitzgerald –
109 1- OTTOWA 248 (G) (P Barber) P Nicholls 5-11-8 C Maude –
110 00032 PONTABULA 33 (H Manners) H Manners 5-11-8 M Appleby 69
111 P PRECISION PROMISE 22 (R Doyle) D McCain 5-11-8 D McCain (5) –
112 34-3 PRINCE NASHA 11 (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-8 N Williamson –
113 025/1/5- ROYAL IRISH 346 (G) (Dr G Madan Mohan) G Balding 11-11-8 B Clifford –
114 2-0R SEACHANGE 10 (A Steven) M Wilkinson 6-11-8 J F Titley 83
115 3-032 TREASURE AGAIN 55 (J Gwynne) Mrs M Jones 6-11-8 G Bradley 88
116 0 TWO GENTS 27 (P Hepworth) D Nicholson 7-11-8 A Maguire –
117 0P BLUCANDO 36 (P Roberts) R Lee 5-11-3 R Greene –
118 004UP/P BOLT OF GOLD 19 (Mrs J Waring) L Waring 7-11-3 D Matthews –
119 3 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 62 (BF) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-11-3 R Dunwoody 92
120 3 SKY BURST 19 (Mrs D Janic) L Cottrell 5-11-3 Mr L Jefford (7) 87
121 2 AMBER VALLEY 40 (Berkshire Components) D Williams 4-10-10 A P McCoy (3) 97
122 65 REGAL RAMBLER 10F (D Brereton) L Barratt 4-10-10 S Wynne (3) 72
123 5 RONALDSWAY 22 (U Home Computers) R Baker 4-10-10 B Powell –
124 000 KOO'S PROMISE 36 (G Warren Ltd) C Popham 4-10-5 W Marston –
BETTING: 3-1 Flight Lieutenant, 7-2 Seasonal Splendour, 9-2 Amber Valley, 7-1 Treasure Again, 8-1 Sky Burst, 10-1 Ottowa, 14-1 Regal Rambler, 16-1 others

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

FLASHMAN 15l 3rd of 10 to Great Marquess in novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. FLIGHT LIEUTENANT 9¾l 3rd of 10 to Over The Pole in novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good). PONTABULA 2½l 2nd of 5 to Birthplace in conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Towcester (2m, soft). SEACHANGE 16l 7th of 20 to Spinmaker in a novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. TREASURE AGAIN 8l 2nd of 13 to Senor El Betrutti in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good to soft) with PONTABULA 63l 10th. SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 9l 3rd of 12 to Certainly Strong in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, good to soft). SKY BURST 3¼l 3rd of 9 to Sir Fry in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). AMBER VALLEY 3½l 2nd of 8 to River Junction in novice hurdle at Fakenham (2m, good).
Selection: FLIGHT LIEUTENANT

1.45 PIGEON NOVICES CHASE (£2,785: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)
201 U-2P6P1 JAMES THE FIRST 22 (D,F,G,S) (D Nichols) P Nicholls 7-11-9 C Maude [illegible]
202 PPP242 CHEEKA 17 (D Thompson) C Smith 6-11-2 M Ranger 80
203 35P-435 HIGHLAND POACHER 28 (S) (G Sellers) D McCain 8-11-2 D McCain (5) 90
204 526-43U MIAMI SPLASH 10 (G,S) (G Weekes) P Hobbs 8-11-2 G McCourt 86
205 028232 SOVEREIGN NICHE 19 (V,BF,F,G,S) (Avalon Surfacing) M Pipe 7-11-2 R Dunwoody –
206 0P-33R3 WILLIE MCGARR 45 (G,S) (Mrs D Thomas) Mrs D Thomas 10-11-2 N Williamson 85
207 253P10 DOC COTTRILL 22 (S) (Bakers Arms Printers) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-6 T Jenks (3) –
BETTING: 11-4 James The First, 3-1 Cheeka, 4-1 Sovereign Niche, 5-1 Miami Splash, 6-1 Willie McGarr, 8-1 Doc Cottrill, 14-1 Highland Poacher.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

JAMES THE FIRST beat Elite Reg 1¾l in 5-runner Newton Abbot handicap chase (2m 110yd, heavy). CHEEKA 11l 2nd of 4 to Butler's Twitch in Nottingham novice chase (2m, good to soft). HIGHLAND POACHER 25l 5th of 11 to Madraas Swan Song in Hereford novice handicap chase (2m, good to soft). MIAMI SPLASH 12½l 3rd of 14 to Absalom's Lady in Exeter novice chase (2m, good) on penultimate start. SOVEREIGN NICHE 9l 2nd of 8 to Green's Fair in conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). WILLIE McGARR 34l 3rd of 9 to Really A Rascal in novice chase here (2m 3f 110yd, soft). DOC COTTRILL beat Sports View 1¾l in 9-runner novice handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) penultimate start.
Selection: JAMES THE FIRST

2.15 CLIVE GRAHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,825: 3m) (6 runners)
301 121112 ALLEGATION 22 (V,C,BF,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 5-12-0 R Dunwoody 98
302 F03-5P6 MUDAHIM 31 (C,F,G,S) (K Bell) C Broad 9-11-5 W Marston –
303 1F-030P MISS PURBECK 3 (G,S) (M Hill) Mrs J Retter 8-10-2 M A Fitzgerald [illegible]
304 003-540 ACROW LINE 10 (D,S) (R Williams) D Burchell 10-10-0 D J Burchell 96
305 234-124 WITH IMPUNITY 36 (G,S) (Guest Leasing) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-0 T Jenks 94
306 6PFFPF ROYAL PIPER 10 (S) (A Derlington) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-10-0 R Greene –
Long handicap: Acrow Line 9-13, With Impunity 9-10, Royal Piper 8-0
BETTING: 6-11 Allegation, 4-1 With Impunity, 7-1 Mudahim, Acrow Line, Royal Piper, 16-1 Miss Purbeck.

1994: CAPTAIN DOLFORD 7-10-6 J McCarthy (11-2) D Gandolfo 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALLEGATION 7l 2nd of 12 to Do Be Have in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good). MUDAHIM tailed off last of 6 to River Mandate in handicap chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft). MISS PURBECK 2¼l 3rd of 9 to Damier Blanc in amateur riders' handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, heavy) last month. ACROW LINE 22l 4th of 10 to Second Call in handicap hurdle here (2m 4f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. WITH IMPUNITY 1¼l 2nd of 8 to Eid in handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m 5f, good) on penultimate start. ROYAL PIPER tailed off 6th of 12 to Mad Thyme in novice chase at Wincanton (2m 5f, good) in November.
Selection: ALLEGATION (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	10	32	31.3	R Dunwoody	25	98	25.5
M Pipe	57	218	26.1	G McCourt	4	17	23.5
R Buckler	3	13	23.1	G Bradley	9	41	22.0
Mrs J Retter	5	23	21.7	M A Fitzgerald	7	41	17.1
N Twiston-Davies	16	75	21.3	N Williamson	4	24	16.7
C Broad	4	21	19.0	A Maguire	10	62	16.1

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

2.45 ASPIRING CHAMPIONS NOVICES CHASE (£4,523: 3m) (4 runners)
401 11U251 PETOSKU 29 (D,G,S) (F Mills) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-12 T Jenks 96
402 411-241 CORNER BOY 36 (F,G,S) (Mrs E Wilson) D Nicholson 8-11-8 A Maguire [illegible]
403 221111 BANJO 10 (B,S) (D Mercer) M Pipe 5-11-8 R Dunwoody 94
404 F60/3-4F SEASAMACAMBLE 19 (S) (M West) R Buckler 8-10-12 B Powell 81
BETTING: 6-4 Corner Boy, 7-4 Banjo, 9-4 Petosku, 33-1 Seasamacamble.

1994: MUDAHIM 8-11-11 W Marston (4-6 fav) C Broad 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

PETOSKU beat Too Plush 20l in 8-runner novice chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). CORNER BOY beat A N C Express 2½l in 9-runner novice chase at Warwick (3m 2f, good). BANJO completed four-timer beating Rainham a distance in 3-runner novice chase at Haydock (2m, soft). SEASAMACAMBLE 41l last of 4 to Shamarphil in novice handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, heavy) on penultimate start.
Selection: BANJO

3.15 QUAIL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,052: 2m 110yd) (17 runners)
501 2P150- PREENKA GIRL 290 (D,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 6-11-10 D Burrows (5) 91
502 4-U4450 PROJECT'S MATE 28 (D,S) (R Brown) R Brown 6-11-6 G Hogan 97
503 2/5-PP53 IL BAMBINO 5 (H Manners) H Manners 7-11-2 M Appleby (5) 93
504 6334-04 SOUL TRADER 19 (G Hacking) N Babbage 6-11-1 Philip Hughes (5) 94
505 02-4 SABEEL 18 (P Slip) T George 5-11-0 T Jenks 93
506 P5P-523 ROCKY BAY 7 (S) (Lodge Cross Partnership) B Llewellyn 6-10-10 J A McCarthy 96
507 50P06P FLIGHT OF SONG 32 (Mrs M Strong) P Murphy 8-10-10 Pat Thompson (3) 98
508 500035 GARDA'S GOLD 7 (B,D,S) (G Brown) R Dickin 12-10-8 D Meredith 95
509 14P00-P ONE TO NOTE 15 (B,CD,S) (J Mitchell) M Muggeridge 11-10-7 S Curran [illegible]
510 P0P555 CHAMPAGNE RUN 11 (B,F,G) (T Connor) S Knight 10-10-7 Guy Lewis –
511 /P6603/ GUNNERSBURY ROAN 729 (Miss J Newell) G Thorner 8-10-6 S Fox –
512 0-0PP00 JOKERS PATCH 15 (B,S) (D Lemon) R Baker 8-10-4 D Leahy 90
513 140-300 EMMA VICTORIA 34 (F) (Mrs P Carlin) R Brotherton 7-10-2 T Eley 89
514 00-F56 SHE KNEW THE RULES 18 (D Carey) D Carey 5-10-2 P McLoughlin –
515 0033 CASSIO'S BOY 11 (V) (Lyonshall Racing) R Eckley 4-10-1 A P McCoy 80
516 200 PASSING PLAYER 40 (T Bingham) F Jordan 4-10-0 R Massey 82
517 PP00P/P THE GORROCK 62 (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 6-10-0 D Walsh –
Long handicap: Passing Player 9-13, The Gorrock 9-7
BETTING: 5-1 Il Bambino, 8-1 Preenka Girl, Rocky Bay, Cassio's Boy, Gunnersbury Roan, 10-1 Soul Trader, 12-1 Project's Mate, 14-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

PREENKA GIRL beat Rasta Man 6l in selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy) in February. IL BAMBINO 4¼l 3rd to Nordic Crown in claiming novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good). SOUL TRADER 3¼l 4th to Luks Akura in selling handicap hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, soft) with SHE KNEW THE RULES (4lb better off) 27l 6th. ROCKY BAY 2¾l 3rd of 16 to Lofty Deed in selling handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft) with GARDA'S GOLD 22¼l 5th. CHAMPAGNE RUN 20¼l 5th to Star Market in selling handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy) with JOKERS PATCH (1lb better off) 16¼l 9th and ONE TO NOTE pulled up before 2 out.
Selection: IL BAMBINO

3.45 PHEASANT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,523: 2m 3f 110yd) (6 runners)
601 P3-14U3 COUNTRY LAD 10 (C,G,S) (S Douch) Mrs S Williams 7-12-0 M A Fitzgerald 93
602 1-122U1 WHAT'S IN ORBIT 10 (F,G,S) (C A Paterson) P Nicholls 10-11-9 R Dunwoody 94
603 41-5431 NICKLE JOE 19 (CD,F,G,S) (M Tate) M Tate 9-10-12 W Marston [illegible]
604 22-2221 JAILBREAKER 18 (G,S) (J-Del-Roy) B Millman 8-10-12 G McCourt 93
605 4-43403 MAN OF MYSTERY 28 (D,G,S) (PCJF B'stock) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-12 T Jenks (3) 98
606 40-3FUU DAN DE LYON 10 (S) (A Staple) C Popham 7-10-0 S McNeill 88
Long handicap: Dan De Lyon 9-7
BETTING: 9-4 What's In Orbit, 3-1 Country Lad, 7-2 Jailbreaker, 4-1 Nickle Joe, 5-1 Man Of Mystery, 20-1 Dan De Lyon

1994: RAFIKI 9-10-12 S Burrough (100-30) Mrs J Retter 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

COUNTRY LAD 3¼l 3rd of 5 to Around The Horn in handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good to soft). WHAT'S IN ORBIT beat Boston Rover 1¼l in 5-runner handicap chase at Warwick (2m, soft). NICKLE JOE beat Persian Sword 7l in 5-runner amateur riders' handicap chase at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, soft). JAILBREAKER beat Lumberjack neck in 6-runner handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). MAN OF MYSTERY 2¼l 3rd of 4 to Petty Bridge in handicap chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: NICKLE JOE

4.15 PARTRIDGE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,199: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)
1 35/10-51 SPARKLING CONE 22 (S) (Mrs M Horton) M Pipe 6-11-10 R Dunwoody 94
2 225146 EL GRANDO 8 (S) (M Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 5-11-8 A Maguire 92
3 4-U12PP FLAPJACK LAD 10 (CD,S) (T Dunsley) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 T Jenks (3) 97
4 040-3F2 NINE O THREE 40 (S) (Bideford Tool Ltd) N Ayliffe 6-11-7 G Tormey (5) 87
5 364 RANZEL 19 (Mrs A Leat) Mrs D Haine 5-11-3 J F Titley 90
6 0-604F1 PHROSE 8 (B,D,S) (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 5-10-9 (6ex) M Perrett 90
7 055-00 GENTLEMAN SID 81 (Miss J Collison) P Murphy 5-10-2 E Murphy 91
8 0-00P04 JASON'S BOY 5 (W Jones) J Bradley 5-10-0 A P McCoy (3) [illegible]
Long handicap: Jason's Boy 9-13.
BETTING: 9-4 Sparkling Cone, 7-2 Phrose, 9-2 Flapjack Lad, 5-1 El Grando, 8-1 Jason's Boy, Nine O Three, 10-1 Ranzel, 16-1 Gentleman Sid.

1994: GO MARY 8-10-0 W Marston (33-1) Miss C Phillips 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPARKLING CONE beat Well Timed 8l in 5-runner novice hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy). EL GRANDO 11¾l 6th of 15 to Stoney Valley in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft). FLAPJACK LAD beat Valiathe 8l in novice handicap hurdle over course and distance (soft) with GENTLEMAN SID (9lb better off) tailed off 9th. NINE O THREE 12l 2nd of 11 to Cheryl's Lad in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). RANZEL 20l 6th of 17 to Sweet Mignonette in novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start. PHROSE beat Spanish Refuge 12l in novice handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). JASON'S BOY 28¾l 4th of 20 to Conquering Leader in novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good)
Selection: SPARKLING CONE

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Carlisle
Going: soft
12.20 (3m ch) 1, Brave Buccaneer (P Niven, 8-1); 2, Kilcolgan (14-1); 3, Pennine Pride (10-1). Johnny Kelly 2-1 fav. 14 ran. 6l, 3l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £6.30; £2.50, £3.70, £1.70. DF: £20.50. CSF: £81.03.
12.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Monokratic (J Burke, 33-1); 2, Hoblark (16-1); 3, Stormy Coral (12-1). Gobsmacked 4-11 fav. 13 ran. 5l, 1¼l. Mrs S Bramall. Tote: £31.60; £3.10, £2.20, £2.30. DF: £369.30. CSF: £441.15.
1.20 (3m ch) 1, Ninfa (A Dobbin, 5-2 fav); 2, Beauchamp Grace (3-1); 3, Sheelin Lad (9-1). 14 ran. 3½l, 1l. G Richards. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £7.60. CSF: £10.69.
1.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Emerald Sea (A Thornton, 5-1); 2, Corston Racer (3-1 fav); 3, Knucklebuster (9-2). 13 ran. 10l, 5l. J Barclay. Tote: £5.90; £1.90, £1.60, £2.90. DF: £8.60. CSF: £21.29.
2.20 (3m ch) 1, Ceilidh Boy (B Storey, 12-1); 2, Brackenfield (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Hudson Bay Trader (12-1). Clyde Ranger 2-1 jt-fav (pu). 12 ran. 8l, 20l. Mrs J Goodfellow. Tote: £17.40; £3.40, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £24.90. Trio: £88.00. CSF: £34.85. Tricast: £283.17.
2.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Express Gift (P Niven, 6-4 fav); 2, Home Counties (17-2); 3, Zaira (10-1). 13 ran. 9l, 4l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.40; £1.80, £2.90, £4.00. DF: £18.00. Trio: £54.80. CSF: £16.25. Tricast: £101.22.
3.20 (2m ch) 1, The Lorryman (T Reed, 8-1); 2, Kambalda Rambler (5-2 fav); 3, Funny Old Game (6-1). 11 ran. 1¾l, 1¼l. L Lungo. Tote: £10.40; £2.10, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £20.00. Trio: £34.80. CSF: £28.23. Tricast: £122.31.
3.50 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Sansool (M Moloney, 7-1); 2, Oat Couture (5-4 fav); 3, Tronchetto (6-1). 11 ran. 6l, 8l. A Whillans. Tote: £15.50; £2.60, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £17.20. Trio: £59.00. CSF: £17.32. Tricast: £56.63.
Placepot: £2,252.10. Quadpot: £14.60.

Fontwell Park
Going: good to soft
1.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Kamikaze (J Railton, 7-4); 2, Abegen (5-4 fav); 3, Pennymoor Prince (9-2). 12 ran. 5l, 5l. J White. Tote: £3.20; £1.30, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.35.
2.10 (2m 3f ch) 1, Rainbow Castle (P Hide, 3-1); 2, Dear Do (7-2); 3, Kilua Flats (20-1). Father Power 7-4 fav (f). 12 ran. NR: Tandem. 9l, 11l. J Gifford. Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £1.40, £3.60. DF: £6.70. CSF: £12.52.
2.40 (2m 3f ch) 1, Djebel Prince (A Procter, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Old Road (7-1); 3, Green Walk (5-1). Thats The Life 4-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. 25l, 8l. C Egerton. Tote: £4.00; £2.30, £4.00, £1.70. DF: £34.00. Trio: £79.90. CSF: £31.01. Tricast: £131.20.
3.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Keel Row (M A Fitzgerald, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Sandrift (5-1); 3, Polly Minor (16-1). Wren Warbler 3-1 jt-fav. 15 ran. ¾l, 9l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £2.10, £3.40. DF: £12.60. CSF: £17.29.
3.40 (3m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, Nick The Dreamer (R Dunwoody, 7-2); 2, Carlingford Lakes (11-2); 3, Mr Sunnyside (20-1). Jurassic Classic 7-4 fav (ur). 8 ran. ¾l, 30l. W G M Turner. Tote: £3.90; £2.40, £2.00. DF: £8.20. CSF: £19.83.
4.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Rashin (S McNeill, 4-1); 2, Hobbs (4-1); 3, The Boiler White (4-1). 7 ran. 3½l, ¾l. S Woodman. Tote: £4.10; £2.60, £2.60. DF: £13.70. CSF: £18.45.
Jackpot: £2,570.90 (0.1 winning tickets. Pool of £3,259.00 carried forward to Chepstow today).
Placepot: £61.20. Quadpot: £99.60 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £107.69 carried forward to Chepstow today).

Southwell
Going: standard
1.00 (1m) 1, Legally Delicious (J Quinn, 11-4; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Kirov Protege (12-1); 3, Poly Lane (7-1). Presto Boy 8-4 fav. 13 ran. 4l, hd. J Banks. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £2.30, £2.70. DF: £46.70. CSF: £39.92.
1.30 (1m 3f) 1, Barti-Ddu (J Stack, 12-1); 2, Royal Citizen (7-2 fav); 3, Tempering (6-1). 14 ran. 1¾l, 1¼l. S Williams. Tote: £17.20; £3.40, £1.50, £2.40. DF: £37.70. Trio: £83.30. CSF: £54.91. Tricast: £270.68.
2.00 (7f) 1, Dream Carrier (Kimberley Hart, 7-1); 2, Everset (10-11 fav); 3, Super Benz (5-1). 10 ran. 4l, 6l. T Barron. Tote: £9.90; £1.40, £1.10, £1.20. DF: £8.80. CSF: £14.03.
2.30 (6f) 1, Nordan Raider (L Charnock, 6-1); 2, Croft Pool (9-2); 3, Dawalib (9-1). Matthew David 4-1 fav. 13 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. M Camacho. Tote: £9.20; £2.80, £2.20, £3.40. DF: £36.20. Trio: £30.30. CSF: £34.80. Tricast: £224.62.
3.00 (1m) 1, Roar On Tour (S Copp, 9-2 fav); 2, Hawaii Storm (10-1); 3, Buddy's Friend (12-1). 14 ran. NR: Crafty Cricketer, Mam'zelle Angot. 2½l, 2l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £6.50; £2.90, £4.50, £3.80. DF: £23.20. Trio: £315.00. CSF: £52.91. Tricast: £492.62.
3.30 (1m) 1, Mazilla (W Woods, Evens fav); 2, Jilly Jaffa Cake (8-1); 3, Sweet Mate (15-1). 12 ran. Hd, hd. W Haggas. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £2.80, £7.60. DF: £8.10.
4.00 (1m 4f) 1, Borocay (G Parkin, 9-1); 2, Shamwari (9-1); 3, Wicklow Boy (8-1); 4, Tuscania (14-1). Mr Moriarty 7-2 fav. 17 ran. ¾l, 4l. M Camacho. Tote: £14.90; £2.50, £4.10, £1.70, £4.30. DF: £114.00. Trio: £104.30. CSF: £95.70. Tricast: £547.35.
Placepot: £48.90. Quadpot: £17.60.

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FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Third round replays
Carlisle v Sunderland
Leeds v Walsall (7.45)
Middlesbrough v Swansea (7.45)
Watford v Scarborough (7.45)
Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Cambridge Utd v Cardiff (7.45)
Auto Windscreens Shield
Northern section, quarter-final
Wigan v Crewe
GM Vauxhall Conference
Stafford v Halifax (7.45)
Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Falkirk v Partick
Kilmarnock v Motherwell (7.45)
Second division
Clyde v Stirling
Third division
Arbroath v Forfar
East Stirling v Montrose
Tennents Scottish Cup
Second round replay
Greenock Morton v Queen's Park

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, first leg: Holywell v Conwy. Second leg: Llansantffraid v Bangor City (7.45).
DIADORA LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Aylesbury v Purfleet (7.45). First division: Abingdon Town v Wembley, Aldershot Town v Tooting and Mitcham. Third division: Horsham v Bedford Town. Carlsberg Cup: Third round: Berkhamsted v Billericay, Hendon v Borehamwood, Hitchin v Harrow, Southall v Witham.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Sudbury v Cambridge City. Southern division: Clevedon v Havant, Erith and Belvedere v Tonbridge. Midland division: Buckingham Town v Ilkeston. Dr Martens Cup: Fourth round: Hastings v Chelmsford.
UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Warrington v Curzon Ashton.
FA VASE: Fourth round replay: Hadleigh v Halstead.
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey v Biggleswade, Potters Bar v Harpenden.
WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian v Kent Police (7.45).
HELLENIC LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Cinderford v Moreton.
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Rocester v Oldbury.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Crediton v Tiverton, Mangotsfield v Calne.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle Town v St Helens. League Cup: Third round: Trafford v Maine Road.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Newmarket v Wisbech (7.45); Watton v Wroxham.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: BAT v Eastleigh, Bemerton Heath v Wimborne, Swanage and Herston v Bournemouth.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Hailsham v Ringmer, Oakwood v Crowborough, Wick v Pagham.
COUNTY SENIOR CUPS: Derbyshire: Second round: Buxton v Glossop NE. Berks and Bucks: First round: Maidenhead v Reading, Slough v Thatcham, Windsor and Eton v Burnham, Wycombe v Chalfont St Peter. East Anglian: Second round: Harwich and Parkeston v Tiptree, Diss v Stowmarket. Essex: *Fourth round:* Billericay v Stansted. Middlesex: Second round replay: Enfield v Staines. Surrey: *Second round:* Kingstonian v Molesey, Sutton Utd v Whyteleafe.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Millwall, Crystal Palace v Arsenal (at Wimbledon, 2.0); Portsmouth v Swindon. Second division: Hereford v Birmingham (7.0).
PONTINS LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford v Barnsley (7.0); Burnley v Hull (7.15); Grimsby v Manchester City (7.0); Sheffield Wednesday v Leicester (at Rotherham FC, 7.0).
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Omagh v Cliftonville.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round replay: Norwich v Stoke.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES (7.0): Aberavon v Swansea, Maesteg v Newbridge; Mountain Ash v Pontypridd, Pontypool v Glamorgan Wanderers; South Wales Police v Neath.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: World championship qualifiers (Blackpool)

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San Francisco follow underdogs San Diego to all-California Super Bowl

Young leads 49ers past fumbling Cowboys

By Robert Kirley

THREE Dallas turnovers in the first five minutes were converted into touchdowns by Eric Davis, Ricky Watters and William Floyd on Sunday, enabling the San Francisco 49ers to defeat the Dallas Cowboys 38-28 and earn a place in the Super Bowl.

San Francisco, the winners of the National Football Conference, will face the San Diego Chargers, the champions of the American Football Conference, in Super Bowl XXIX in Miami on January 29. The 49ers are favourites to become the first club to win five Super Bowls, having defeated San Diego 38-15 last month.

In a game of big plays, the Cowboys fought back hard in the hope of becoming the first team to win a third successive Super Bowl, but they put themselves in a miserable position by falling behind 21-0 just 7min 27sec into the game.

Steve Young threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third as the 49ers ended two years of frustration against the Cowboys at the conference final stage. Young will be playing in his first Super Bowl as a starter, having spent several seasons as Joe Montana's understudy.

Dallas turned the ball over five times and missed a field goal, but, in addition to giving up the early touchdowns, they surrendered a Young touchdown pass to Jerry Rice just before half-time that gave the 49ers a 17-point advantage.

Davis scored his touchdown on a 44-yard interception return on the third play of the game and, moments later, Michael Irvin, the Dallas receiver, fumbled, setting up a 29-yard scoring pass from Young to Watters. Kevin Williams, the Dallas return specialist, fumbled the ensuing kick-off, which set up a one-yard scoring run by Floyd.

Dallas fought back to cut the deficit to ten points on a 44-yard touchdown throw from Aikman to Irvin and a four-yard scoring run by Emmitt Smith. Then came Young's pass to Rice that appeared to deflate the Cowboys and gave San Francisco a 31-14 half-time advantage.

San Francisco fumbled the second-half kick-off, setting up Aikman's throw of eight yards to Irvin for a score to bring the Cowboys within ten points once again. Young then directed a ten-play, 70-yard drive, at the end of which he scored on a three-yard run. Dallas again cut their deficit to ten by scoring on a nine-yard Aikman-to-Irvin pass.

With five minutes to play, the Cowboys appeared to have another chance to score when a long pass from Aikman to Irvin fell incomplete. Replays indicated that Deion Sanders, of San Francisco, had interfered with Irvin, causing Barry Switzer, the first-year Dallas coach, to protest in a manner that drew a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct that wiped out the Cowboys' last real hope.

Young completed 15 of 28 passes for 155 yards and Aikman was good on 30 of 53 attempts for a conference championship record of 380 yards. Irvin matched one championship record with 12 receptions and set another with 192 yards receiving.

Conventional wisdom dictates that with a little more than a minute to go in a half and the ball deep in your territory, you let time run out. Switzer flouted convention and the result was a turning point.

With 1min 02sec to go in the first half and the ball on the Dallas 16-yard line, Switzer gambled. Dallas threw three incomplete passes, killing only 20 seconds. On the next play, John Jett's punt carried just 23 yards, giving the 49ers the ball on the Dallas 39 with 30 seconds left. Three plays later, Young fired a 28-yard strike to Rice for a 31-14 half-time lead.

Switzer will be criticised for not having the Cowboys ready at the kick-off. He will be criticised for not trying for a first down, needing two yards inside the San Francisco 20 and his team trailing by 14 points in the second period: the field-goal attempt sailed wide. He will also be criticised for his tirade that cost a penalty when Dallas still had a chance in the fourth quarter.

He accepted blame for the penalty. "Sure, it was a mistake," he said. "I contributed to our getting beat, but what is really frustrating is, if they make the call [against Sanders], we score and it's 38-35 and we are in for a great finish."

In Pittsburgh, the Chargers were outplayed for most of the game but came good on two touchdown passes by Stan Humphries and an excellent last-minute goalline stand. San Diego have reached the Super Bowl for the first time.

RESULTS: Conference finals: AFC: San Diego 17 Pittsburgh 13. NFC: San Francisco 38 Dallas 28.
FIXTURE: Super Bowl XXIX: Jan 29: San Diego v San Francisco (Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami).

JEFF VINNICK



Young looks downfield in the second quarter as San Francisco consolidate their early lead at Candlestick Park.

RADIO CHOICE

A lip service to the stars

The Ghost Singers. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*

Michael Alexander's disillusioning programme is a long-overdue tribute to cinema entertainers who were heard but rarely seen. They were the singers whose voices we heard coming through the lips of the putative stars of some of the most popular films ever made. We saw Deborah Kerr in *The King and I*, but we *heard* Marnie Nixon. We saw Leslie Caron in *Gigi* but *heard* Betty Wand. We saw Rita Hayworth in countless musicals, but four singers took it in turn to sing for her. The sound of singing in *The Sound of Music* came from Bill Lee, not Christopher Plummer. Is none of our illusions sacred? Rita Moreno did not sing in *West Side Story*, Betty Wand did.

Bragg Among the British. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Billy Bragg, singer and songwriter, has already visited Inverness looking for the elements which, singly or together, make up the British identity. The assumption is that there is such a thing. It would need considerably more than three half-hour programmes to arrive at a definitive judgment about that. Today, Bragg is in the Welsh market town of Machynlleth. There was nothing random about his choice. It was here that Owain Glyndwr, scourge of the English oppressors, located his parliament after setting up his independent state of Wales in 1404. It is also in Machynlleth — though in the 21st century — that Jan Morris sites the capital of an independent Welsh republic in her latest novel.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa L'Anson, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Curves, Contours and Body Horns: The Fender Stratocaster 40th Anniversary Celebration. The final part covers the 1970s to the present day 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 8.45 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford and at 3.00 Three After Three 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Over Britain: Phone 0645 288291 8.30 Mr Finchley Goes to Paris, by Victor Canning (r) 9.00 The Ghost Singers. See *Choice* 10.00 Back Numbers: Dave Gelly delves into the archives of the popular music press (2/4) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00am The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine with Diana Madill, including at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Liz Barclay with Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl at 3.15 Prime Minister's Questions 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide, with news and sports action 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match: full coverage of all the FA Cup third-round replays 10.05 News Talk, with Nigel Cassidy 11.00 Night Extra, incl 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours, with Vincent Hanna 2.05 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Frutmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: *Oscar and Lucinda* 7.30 *New Ideas* 7.50 *The Life of Numbers* 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 News 9.05 Business 9.15 Poets of Place 9.30 On Screen 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Ports of Call 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Miltagemagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Hit List 12.45 Sport 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 *Off the Shelf. Oscar and Lucinda* 2.45 Turning a Tune 3.00 News 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 *Heute* Aktuell 7.00 News 7.05 Outlook 7.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 *Newshour* 10.00 News 10.05 Business 10.15 Megamix 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 News 12.15 Concert Hall 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 What's News? 1.45 Country Style 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 World of Music 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Joan Thirkettle 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto: Bruch (Clarinet and Viola Concerto in E minor) 3.00 Alan Mann 5.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyle 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: with Andrew McGregor. Chopin (Recollections de Paganini); *Schmelzer* (Fechtschule, Fencing School); Dvořák (Slavonic Rhapsody in A flat, Op 45 No 3); Massenet (Intermezzo, Thais); Braham and Furber (*Limehouse Blues*); 8.32 *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 50 No 3)
9.00 **Composer of the Week:** Mozart. The second of five programmes about Mozart's unfinished works (r)
10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Chris de Souza presents another edition with children's songs.
10.00 *Artist of the Week*: Anthony Halstead, harpsichord and director. Abel (Symphony in B flat, Op 17 No 2); 10.10 Mozart (Piano Sonata in D); Dohnányi (Piano Concerto No 2 in B minor); Beethoven (Quintet in E flat for piano and wind, Op 16); Haydn (Horn Concerto No 1 in D: Anthony Halstead, natural horn)
12.00 **Music Restored:** Maggie Cole, harpsichord. Bach (Sonata No 6 in G); Biber (Rosary Sonata No 2 in A); Scarlatti (Harpsichord Sonatas: in B minor); Ariosti (Lesson III for viola d'amore and continuo); Noblet (Sonata in C) (r)
1.00pm **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC National Orchestra of Wales under David Atherton; *John Lill*, piano. Mussorgsky, orch Shostakovich (Prelude to Khovanshchina, Dawn on the Moscow River); Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 2 in G) (r)
2.00 **Schools:** Playtime 2.15 Time to Move 2.35 Listen!
3.00 **Bernie Cribbins:** Aberystwyth. Geraint Lewis explores the city in the 1920s, including music by Walford Davies, D. Vaughan Thomas, Elgar, Bartók, Vaughan Williams and Holst
5.00 **The Music Machine:** Recapitulation in music and its importance to musical form
5.15 **In Tune:** from Glasgow. Including lives (General William Booth Enters into Heaven); Tchaikovsky (Piano Concerto No 3 in E flat); Ravel (L'Enfant et les sortilèges, *excerpt*)
7.30 **Iernin:** An opera in three acts by George Lloyd to a libretto by William Lloyd. BBC Singers and BBC Concert Orchestra under the composer (r)
10.10 **Face and Fantasy:** Sir Roy Strong, writer and historian, looks at the most striking portraits of Queen Elizabeth I and reflects on how the clothes make the monarch
10.30 **Nikolayeva Plays Bach:** Tatiana Nikolayeva plays a selection from Book 1 of *The Well-Tempered Klavier*
10.45 **Night Waves:** Valentine Cunningham explores the origins of gothic writing and discusses the film, *Interview with a Vampire*
11.30-12.30am **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Philharmonic under Sachio Fujioka. Rachmaninov (Isle of the Dead); Mussorgsky, orch Ravel (Pictures from an Exhibition)
1.00-2.10 **Night School:** History 1.40 Tales from Europe

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today including 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.56 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Call Nick Ross:** 071-580 4444.
10.00-10.30 **News; Billy Bragg** Among the British (FM only): See Choice
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **The Pilgrim's Progress** (LW only): Part seven of John Bunyan's classic (r)
10.30 **Woman's Hour:** Kathleen Griffin goes down and out in Paris to investigate the rising rate of unemployment and poverty in France
11.30 **Medicine Now:** Geoff Watts reports
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm Head Join chairman Tim Brooke-Taylor and panellists Johnny Morris, Sir Tim Rice and Adrian Walsh 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 *The Archers* (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Baked Trout.** Diarmid Nicholson's first play for radio is a tragi-comedy about the tangled life of masterchef Edward Thomas
2.30 **Dancing for a Living:** Lynne Walker talks to Shobana Jeyasingh, artistic director and choreographer
3.00 **Anderson Country**
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope**
4.45 **Short Story: The Alchemist's Other Dream**, by Saul Miller. Read by Giles Thomas
5.00 **PM**, with Chris Lowe and Linda Lewis 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **If You're So Clever Why Aren't You Rich?** A new comedy drama series about three thirtysomethings. With Richard E. Grant, Amanda Root and Peter Capaldi
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **The Violence Files:** Edward Stourton looks at our attitude to violent crime
8.00 **Science Now:** Peter Evans presents the weekly review of discoveries and developments in science (r)
8.30 **Gossiping on France:** The French language is undergoing an identity crisis. Ray Gosling investigates, talking to French teachers and the High Council of Francophonie (r)
9.00 **In Touch:** Magazine for people with a visual handicap. Presented by Tony Baringer
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Robin Lustig
10.45 **A Book at Bedtime: Quartered Safe Out Here.** George MacDonald Fraser reads the second of his recollections of the war in Burma.
11.00 **Mediamanave:** Joanna Coles explores the week's events in the media (r)
11.30-12.00 **Hidden Voices** (FM only): Second of six portraits of Muslims in Europe (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW)
12.00-12.45am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.45 As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM 88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM 100-102. VIRGIN: MW 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Mossy

Mader makes most of home comforts

By Our Sports Staff

GUNTHER MADER, the veteran from Austria, won a World Cup race in his home country for the first time yesterday with victory in the super giant slalom in Kitzbühel. It followed an array of triumphs abroad.

Mader, 30, mastered the bumps and twists of the lower half of the Streif course, defeating Peter Runggaldier, of Italy, by 0.03sec. It was the only home win of the Kitzbühel programme, after the downhill double of Luc Alphand, of France, on Saturday and the victory of Alberto Tomba, of Italy, in the slalom on Sunday.

The Austrian's time of 1min 21.52sec came on a track that had a vertical drop of 570 metres and was made faster by being almost entirely in the shade. It was the sixth super giant slalom victory of his 13-year career and his eleventh World Cup triumph. Armin Assinger, Mader's compatriot, was third in 1min 21.70sec.

It was only the second super giant slalom of the World Cup season, but the last opportunity for national team selectors to decide who will compete in the world championships, which are due to begin in Spain at the end of this month.

"This is a great win for me," a jubilant Mader said. "I know that I'm in good shape, but I needed to really prove it with a good result. I'm confident now that I'm peaking for the world championships."

He moved up to second in the overall World Cup standings, with 482 points. But he is still way behind Tomba, the runaway leader, who has won eight races and accumulated 850 points.

Mader rated the Streif course, even in its abbreviated form, as the toughest on the World Cup circuit. "No matter what the event on this tough course, a win in Kitzbühel is one of the most important events in one's career," he said.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

BELARIUS
(b) Loyal lord banished by Cymbeline 20 years before the play begins, and now living in the Welsh woods under the name of Morgan. He is grizzled, brave and honest, a doughty fighter against the Romans, and a man so free from mean-spiritedness that he bows the knee to Cymbeline, restores his sons to him and offers him loyalty without a word more about his own ill-treatment than that he is "indeed, a banish'd man;/ I know not how a traitor".

GRUMIO
(a) Petruchio's servant in *The Taming of the Shrew*, belaboured, kicked and absolutely relied on by his master. His greatest moments are tantalising the starving Katharina by describing the succulent dishes he would serve if only Petruchio would let him, and browbeating the tailor whose dress Petruchio dismisses as unworthy of Katharina.

SNUG
(c) A plain man in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, who introduces himself as Snug the joiner without Christian name. He takes the part of Lion in Quince's play, and despite initial anxiety turns into one of the most eager members of Quince's troupe, making rehearsal suggestions, asking what he thinks are helpful questions, and gaining courtly approval for his performance.

BRABANTIO
(b) Desdemona's father in *Othello*. He is distraught at the news that Othello has stolen his daughter, and reviles him in the most overt lines of racist abuse in the play.

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Twin pillars of Australia's team far from identical in outlook



Alan Lee says the Waugh brothers have different personalities to those widely perceived by outsiders

Four years ago this week, during the corresponding hiatus in an Ashes series of striking parallels, England's drama was in the skies and Australia's was over the kitchen sink. David Gower's misguided attempt to raise spirits by flying a Tiger Moth over the ground on Queensland's Gold Coast was a memorable diversion on a grim tour, but a domestic scene enacted in a Sydney suburb was of far greater long-term significance.

With the Ashes safe and a tour to West Indies looming, Australia made a sensitive, possibly unique, team change. Steve Waugh, with 42 caps at the age of 25, found Mark, his twin brother, at the family home and congratulated him on being chosen for his Test debut. "Who got dropped?" Mark asked. "Me," Steve said shortly. Bev, their mother, cried then, but she need not have done.

Within a few months, the twins were together in the Australia side and there, barring brief separations for form or fitness, they have stayed. When the team is announced for the Test in Adelaide next week, there will be no similar dramas in the family. Australia has the finest top six in world cricket and the Waughs, in their distinctive styles and with their much misunderstood ways, are crucial to it.

Mark is one of the modern game's greatest box-office draws and it seemed pre-ordained that his first Test innings, back in 1991, would bring a century. But in terms of efficiency and accomplishment, Steve, despite waiting 26 Tests for his first hundred, has been Australia's most productive batsman for the past two years. In 1994, his Test average of 67 was exceeded, among specialist Test batsmen, only by Tendulkar, of India, Lara and Adams, of West Indies, and Houghton, of Zimbabwe. Small wonder that his present inability to bowl, because of a shoulder complaint, carries no threat to his place in the side.

In the Ashes series of 1989 and 1993, he averaged 126 and 83 respectively, yet he remains curiously underrated, lurking in the strutting shadow of a brother who came much later to prominence. And there is something else. Mark commands more affection and admiration than Steve, for whom the instantly evoked sentiment is often suspicion.

This emanates in part from his manner to strangers, which can be unsmiling and taciturn. It is also generated by the way he plays his cricket, which owes much more to effectiveness than to the elegance of his brother. Among players, as Michael Atherton has stated, Steve is regarded as verbally hostile. By contrast, Mark is widely considered an amiable genius, a dreamer whose gifts sometimes outweigh his motivation, creating an attractive fallibility.

If there is truth within all this, it is a shallow, deceptive truth. Steve Waugh is not quite the cold and calculating type he is painted and neither is Mark the flawless athlete. Steve, passionate about cricket's history and familiar with the players of old, is also an avid traveller with a kind heart — he has sponsored a Colombian foster child.

For all his grace around the field and effortless footwork, Mark hates running. He is scared of driving a car with a manual gearbox and, having rowed a dinghy famously into a river bank, is considered by the Essex team-mates he will rejoin this summer, to be utterly uncoordinated.

He also confesses to having no interest in cricket's past and much prefers to study the racing form. In his youth, he had his last two dollars on a horse called Long John Silver. Appropriate to the buccaneering style of his cricket, it won at 150-1.

The paradox is that twins who did everything together for 16 years appear now to do nothing together. They sit next to each other on plane journeys only because the seats are issued alphabetically, but they do not dine or room together. It creates, in some, an impression that they dislike each other, which is nonsense, but even close friends concede that there is something odd about their relationship.

Mike Whitney, a former colleague with New South Wales, relates: "For twins, I've never known two blokes so different. When they're batting together, we'll sit and watch, and at the end of the over someone will say: 'Will they talk to each other?' Frequently, they will not. Their explanation, a ritual one, is that they spent nine months in the same womb and 16 years in the same room: so there is nothing more to be said.

Of course, there is more to it than that. Both are shy, both in their own way are still driven by the sporting intensity that their tennis-playing parents instilled. But they inhabit their own worlds, separate worlds without doubt, and their cricketing horizons may also be divergent.

Mark has not yet fulfilled his immense potential to rank among the great batsmen of his generation. Steve, while seldom permitting himself to play beneath potential, is an understated force in this Australia side, a leader in all but name. Both may haunt England for years to come and both will then have good cause to reflect upon that night of confused emotions, four years ago.

☐ Shane Warne, Merv Hughes and Damien Fleming are being rested from the game between Victoria and England due to start on Friday.



Mark Waugh, left, is congratulated by Steve, his twin brother, after reaching his century at Edgbaston in 1993

Praise be, I do believe I care what happens

Is it religion or television that is supposed to be the opium of the people? I can never quite remember. But there can be absolutely no doubt that a combination of the two is one of the strongest sedatives known to man — religion on television or, the knock-out version, other people's religion on television. Instant torpor at three yards can be guaranteed.

So it is to the considerable credit of all involved with **Signs and Wonders** (BBC 2), a drama jam-packed with other people's beliefs, that after one or two head-nodding moments early on (arguments over the Aga about the Nicene creed have that effect on me), I arrived at the closing credits alert and really quite anxious to find out what happens next. Quite why, though, still puzzles me. For a more charmless bunch than the ultra-dysfunctional Palmore family you could not hope to meet.

Daughter Claire (Jodhi May) is in Los Angeles, a member of a cult convinced that mankind's salvation can only be delivered by a "superannuated Singaporean" who drives a stretch limo with the licence plate, FATHA. Her hobbies are flirty-fishing for lost souls at bus stations and dressing up in white nighties, but so far not at the same time.

Her elder brother Stephen (Michael Maloney) also has problems, starting with terminal unpleasantness. A university lecturer in philosophy, he has little time for religion, his parents, his son or his students but plenty for the man from MI5 who is blackmailing him. His hobbies are the works of Cornelius van Damme, presumably the kick-boxing champion of deconstructionalist thought.

Such awful offspring can only be the product of awful parents and Michael Eaton's script duly delivered. As the Rev Timothy Palmore, David Warner had the pick of the parts last night, helped by the reasons for his state of decay being readily apparent. Palmore may be an Anglican, but his problems are straight out of Graham Greene. Haunted by his former curate, who has gone charismatic in a camouflage jacket and stolen his congregation, Palmore has taken to drowning his doubts in whisky. "Does God have a sense of humour?" he mused over yet another late-night tumbler. "He must have done, or why would he create the Church of England?"

Not altogether surprisingly, his wife Elizabeth (Prunella Scales) has had enough and part one concluded with her departing in secret to rescue her daughter, who was bundled into the back of van without a second to pack her nightie. Tears before yet another bedtime, I predict.

Despite this all-consuming misery, I really did finish anxious for more. Partly to discover exactly who is working for whom, partly to see how actors of the calibre of Donald Pleasance and James Earl Jones develop their, to date, barely walk-on roles and partly because of a sneaking suspicion — nay, hope — that such sympathetic actors as Prunella Scales and Michael Maloney can't really be playing characters of such irredeemable ghastliness. Can they?

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Earlier, **Horizon** (BBC 2) had opened with one of the classic, almost clichéd, documentary shots — row after row of giant rusting hulks, quietly awaiting the scrapman's hammer. Had these been old steam engines, the pictures would have provoked that familiar, warm glow of nostalgia. But these were old nuclear submarines. Any lump they bring to the throat is likely to be malignant.

The Cold War may be over, but its radioactive legacy lives on, was the message of Ed Harriman's fascinating film, *Russia's Dark Secrets*. The scale of the problem facing Russia's impoverished economy is awesome. Some 150 nuclear submarines, each with two nuclear reactors, await decommissioning. Last year, they made a start on two. Then there is the country's famous fleet of nuclear ice-breakers, most of which now lie not so much quietly rusting as glowing in Murmansk harbour, laden with spent nuclear fuel.

But just as any sane person was shouting: "Something must be done", up popped Charles Hollister of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, a man for whom, one suspects, the Cold War still rages. That's exactly what those aid-seeking Russkies want us to think, said Hollister, who is of the belief that the safest place for nuclear material is exactly where the Russian have dumped it — at the bottom of the sea.

Tempting as it must have been to do otherwise, Harriman duly produced research from the ultra-cautious Norwegians that suggested Hollister was right. So, as long as you're not dangling a fishing hook over the torpedo tubes of the wrecked *Komsomolets*, you're probably all right. Hmm ... convinced? No, neither was I.

Virginia Bottomley, however, appears to have been by **Panorama: Bad Blood** (BBC 1), its first offering under its new editor, Steve Hewlett. Just five days before transmission, the Department of Health announced that it would, after all, be contacting the 3,000 people who may have been infected with the hepatitis C virus during blood transfusions.

The department's climbdown was understandable, for reporter Roisin McAuley and her team appeared to have the Blood Transfusion Service dead in the water. A screening test for hepatitis C was developed in 1989. The BTS finally introduced the test, albeit in a more sophisticated form, in 1991, by which time infected blood had been given to patients at the rate of 1,500 bags a year. Unlike HIV, hepatitis C is not a new virus. But the point is, for 18 months its transmission through blood transfusion could have been avoided, but wasn't. Classic *Panorama*.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (72340)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18461524)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion *on a topical subject* (s) (8729920)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1607340) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (85986814)

12.00 News *(Ceefax)*, *regional news and weather* (7167388) **12.05 Pebble Mill** introduced by Gloria Hunniford (s) (3156253) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78548017)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (59104) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (91295746) **1.50 Timekeepers**. Quiz game (s) (91299562)

2.15 ***FILM: If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium*** (1969) starring Suzanne Pleshette and Ian McShane. Comedy about a coachload of American tourists on an 18-day tour of seven European cities with a former London busker as their guide. Directed by Mel Stuart (308678)

3.50 Jackanory Paul Merton with the second part of *Morris Gleitzman's Puppy Fat (s) (3858235)* **4.00 The Adventures of Willy Fogg**. (Ceefax) (1975663) **4.25 Grimmy** (6320524) **4.35 Incredible Games**. (Ceefax) (s) (4401746)

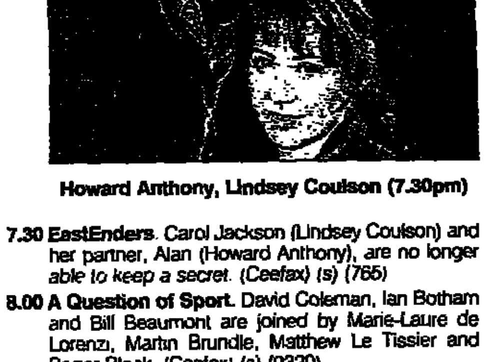
5.00 Newsround (9324340) **5.10 Grange Hill** *Comprehensive school drama series. (Ceefax)* (s) (1459524)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (384104)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (901)

6.30 Regional news magazines (253)

7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando goes on a canoeing expedition in France; Carol Smillie tries a Caribbean island-hopping trip; John Pitman tests an all-inclusive Spanish holiday for a family of four; and Sankha Guha explores London by night. (Ceefax) (s) (1272)



Howard Anthony, Lindsey Coulson (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Carol Jackson (Lindsey Coulson) and her partner, Alan (Howard Anthony), are no longer *able to keep a secret. (Ceefax) (s) (765)*

8.00 A Question of Sport. David Coleman, Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont are joined by Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, Martin Brundle, Matthew Le Tissier and Roger Black. (Ceefax) (s) (9320)

8.30 Ain't Misbehavin' *Marital infidelity comedy series.* (Ceefax) (s) (6727)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (2415)

9.30 FILM: Far and Away (1992) starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. A love story about a poor *turn-of-the-century Irish tenant farmer and a rich landowner's daughter who elope to America, where they hope to settle in lush Oklahoma.* Directed by Ron Howard (Ceefax) (s) (70443185). **Wales:** *Football — Middlesbrough v Swansea 10.30 Film:* Far and Away 12.45am-1.45 Film. Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs

11.45 FILM: Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs (1988) starring Harry Anderson. Comedy thriller about a CIA agent's attempts to stop an assassination attempt on the President. Directed by James Frawley *(Ceefax)* (997036) **1.15am Weather**

BBC2

7.00 Dilly the Dinosaur (r) (4636543) **7.05 Bump** (r) (4635814) **7.10 Galaxy Goof-Ups** (r) (8992369) **7.35 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1122369)

8.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8013543) **8.15 The Record**. Rodney Foster reports on yesterday's business in Parliament (7465833)

8.35 Consuming Passions Pork and prune stir-fry (7453185) **8.40 The Time of Your Life**. Canadian series about adventurous older people (4184949)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Including, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (8611843) **1.40-1.45** You and Me (66867765) **2.00** Gordon T. Gopher (41405185)

2.10 Man on the Rim: The Peopling of the Pacific *Dr Alan Thorne on the Siberian hunters who crossed* the Bering Strait land-bridge to Alaska and headed *south (r) (5307494)*

3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross**. (Ceefax) (7401415) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5658217)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz chaired by Martyn Lewis (s) *(494)*

4.30 Regional programmes (r) (678). **Northern Ireland:** The Big Houses; **Wales:** What a Carry On!

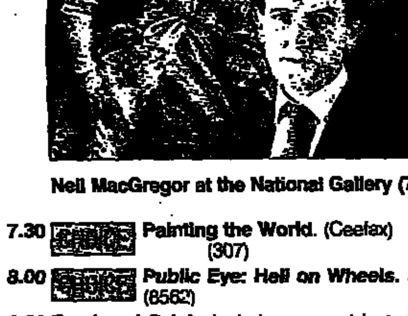
5.00 ***Children's Hospital*** *(r). (Ceefax) (s) (9678)*

5.30 Catchword. Word game show presented by Paul Cola (630)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. American teen comedy (s) (824388)

6.25 Heartbreak High. Drama series set in an inner-city Australian high school. (Ceefax) (s) (277307)

7.10 The Tick. Animated adventures (477814)



Neil MacGregor at the National Gallery (7.30pm)

7.30 CHOICE **Painting the World**. (Ceefax) (307)

8.00 CHOICE **Public Eye: Hell on Wheels**. *(Ceefax)* (6562)

8.30 Food and Drink. Includes a good instant coffee guide. (Ceefax) (s) (4369)

9.00 Joking Apart. Episode three of a six-part comedy series. (Ceefa) (s) (8307).

9.30 Crusades. Terry Jones with the second of his four-part history of the Crusades. (Ceefax) *(804678)*

10.20 Jim Tavare Pictures Presents . . . Comedy series about a man with a double bass (s) (582291)

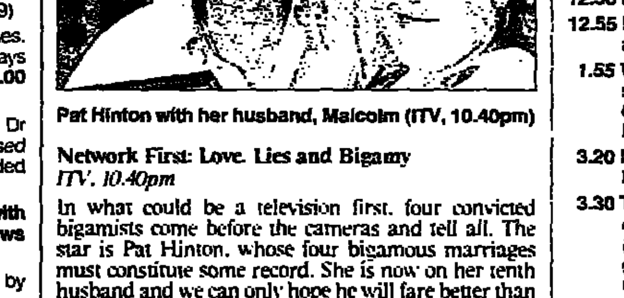
10.30 Newsnight. *(Ceefax)* (453388)

11.15 The Late Show presented by Tracey MacLeod (s) (308524) **11.55 Weather** (911340)

12.00 News *followed by* **The Midnight Hour** (5129234). Ends at **12.55am**

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CHOICE



Pat Hinton with her husband, Malcolm (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Love, Lies and Bigamy
ITV, 10.40pm

In what could be a television first, four convicted bigamists come before the cameras and tell all. The star is Pat Hinton, whose four bigamous marriages must constitute some record. She is now on her tenth husband and we can only hope he will fare better than the previous nine. She puts her serial bigamy down to a row with her mother over being illegitimate. Paul Crichton, a former ship's cook, is not quite in the *Hinton class but still acquires wives, legitimately and* otherwise, at a prolific rate. And he seems proud of it. The other *bigamists demand at least a smidgen of* sympathy, men long-married who fell suddenly and hopelessly in love with other women and got in so deep that they were unable to extricate themselves.

Painting the World
BBC2, 7.30pm

In a series suited more to students of art than the casual viewer, Neil MacGregor, director of the National Gallery in London, discusses four paintings and the "worlds" they project. The emphasis is on content rather than form, cultural history rather than art for art's sake. MacGregor begins in the 15th century, when God and his saints were on hand to mitigate the horrors of war, plague and natural disaster. His featured work is a triptych of a Welsh *knight and his family kneeling* before the Virgin and child. MacGregor calls it a drama of human salvation. *He is an informative, if unexciting, guide, good at* bringing out the symbolic and topographical allusions *which casual gallery visitors might overlook.*

Public Eye: Hell on Wheels
BBC2, 8.00pm

Each day financial adviser Eddie Storey drives to work in Manchester, a 12-mile journey. By rights it should take him 20 minutes. Manchester, however, is the *third city in the national congestion league* and he is lucky to make it in under an hour. Much of the time he *is* stuck in traffic queues. The programme invites Storey to record his experiences on video and to try public transport instead. This takes even longer and costs him more than he spends on petrol. Storey's experience is the starting point for a report on traffic congestion and what might be done about it. One measure is being introduced in April, a 50mph speed limit on busy stretches of the M25. Tougher and less popular options, such as road charging, may follow.

Kavanagh QC
ITV, 8.30pm

Although John Thaw's accent still tends to lurch between Inspector Morse and Inspector Regan of *The Sweeney*, his latest series continues in winning form. True that the home life of Thaw's gruff northern *barrister is less involving than his appearances in* court. True, also, that the show tends to go for material *likely to lift the ratings. In episode one it was rape.* Tonight it is pornography, with Toyah Willcox *flagrantly overacting as a queen of the dirty video.* But this is a quality product, with strong scripts, polished photography and top-notch casting. *Kavanagh QC* is another of those solid middlebrow dramas that come in profusion from the ITV network but somehow defeat the best efforts of the BBC. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (2353123)

9.25 ***Chain Letters*** Word game (4849095) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5261122)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place presented by John Stapleton (s) (9124104)

10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine (32062017) **12.20pm London Today** *(Teletext)* and weather (7156272)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7515630)

12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (7530949) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (34995814)

1.55 Vanessa Vanessa Feltz discusses the subject of past friends (Teletext) (s) (24643758) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (17934368) **2.50 Blue Heelers** (6955949)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (5477920) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5476291)

3.30 The Magic House (s) (5429920) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (7453299) ***3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being*** (s) (5658663) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (2261727) **4.15 The Dreamstone** (Teletext) (s) (4385098) **4.40 Chris Cross** (r). (Teletext) (s) (3605291)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (6126366)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (634746)

5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (557104)

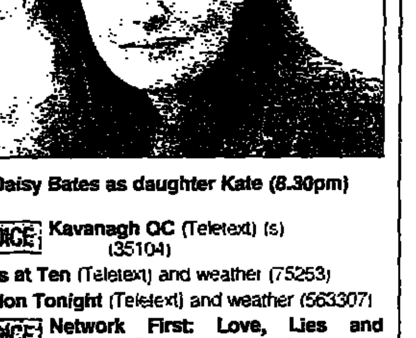
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (369)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (949)

7.00 Emmerdale. The lives and loves of the farming folk (Teletext) (6340)

7.30 ***The Big Story*** *Dermot Murnaghan investigates* Financial Management International, described as *an independent advisory service (s) (833)*

8.00 The Bill: Crossfire. When a young woman is attacked, Woods tries to encourage her to reveal the name of her assailant. (Teletext) (2388)



Daisy Bates as daughter Kate (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Kavanagh QC** (Teletext) (s) (35104)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (75253)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (563307)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Love, Lies and Bigamy**. (Teletext) (s) (112494)

11.40 ***Prisoner Cell Block H*** *(403543)*

12.40am FILM: Body of Evidence (1988) starring Margo Kidder and Barry Bostwick. A nurse begins to suspect that her police pathologist husband may be the serial killer he is investigating. Directed by Roy Campanella II (196321)

2.20 The Little Picture Show with Mariella Frostrup (9074586)

3.15 America's Top Ten (s) (58234)

3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (91226031)

4.10 ***On the Live Side*** *featuring Les McCann and Dexter* Gordon (s) (40941876)

4.30 Videofashion (11234)

5.00 Vanessa *(r) (Teletext) (s) (79760)*

5.30 ITN Morning News (43706). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon a Time — Life. An animated exploration of the human body (8068272)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (49727)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show for couples introduced by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (85630)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (8650615) **9.45** Stop, Look Listen (8648340) **10.00** Fourways Farm (1614630) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (9460104) **10.25** *How We Used to Live (9449611)* **10.45** *Coming Together* (7599543) **11.00** Science in Focus (6360475) **11.22** Stage One (2222663) **11.38** Schools at Work (8893630) **11.45** First Edition (9877833)

12.00 House To House Political magazine presented by Maya Even (86974)

12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining pre-school learning *series. The guest is John Goodman (58727)* **1.30 Widget** (s) (69264739) **1.55 Blind Man's Bluff** Animation (66631340)

2.05 FILM: Canadian Pacific (1949) starring Randolph Scott and Victor Jory. Western drama about a surveyor working on the Canadian Pacific Railway doing battle with a fur trapper and his gang who are *determined to halt its construction. Directed by* Edward L. Marin (474441)

4.00 Home Movies The third of a five-part series showing how people living in the West Country during the 1920s used their leisure time (562)

4.30 Countdown *(Teletext) (s) (746)*

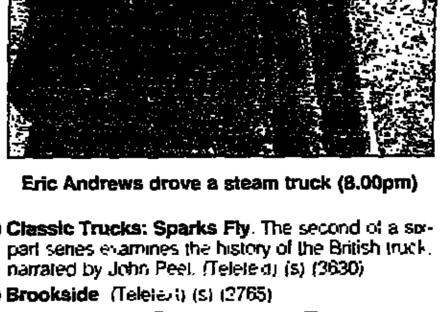
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show A discussion on the dangers of passive smoking in the family (Teletext) (s) (6047727)

5.50 Terrytoons Classic cartoons (547727)

6.00 East 17 — ***Letting Off Steam.*** *The pop group* recorded in May last year at the Brighton Centre (s) (20291)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (495036)

7.50 The Slot Viewer access series (446104)



Eric Andrews drove a steam truck (8.00pm)

8.00 Classic Trucks: Sparks Fly. The second of a six-part series examines the history of the British truck, narrated by John Peel. *(Teletext)* (s) (3630)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (2765)

9.00 UN Blues: The Peacemongers. The last in the series critical of the peacekeeping organisation examines its role in Africa. (Teletext) (s) (9901)

10.00 FILM: Bed Of Lies *(1991) starring Susan Dey and* Chris Cooper. A made-for-television drama about a *perfect marriage that goes terribly wrong. Directed* by William A. Graham (s) (869036)

11.45 Bakersfield PD American police comedy series. *(Teletext)* (s) (732497)

12.15am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Highlights of the game between Bari and AC Milan *(411760)*

1.15 Blood, Sweat and Glory The history of sport series continues with a look at the heroes of the 1896 Olympic Games (r) (1558079)

1.50 FILM: The Camels Are Coming (1934, b/w) *starring Jack Hulbert. Vintage British comedy about* a squadron leader on the trail of drug traffickers in *Egypt. Directed by Tim Whelan (2735031).* Ends at **3.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia *News and Weather* (5261122) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7156272) **1.55** A Country Practice (91283901) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6955949) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (5476291) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (6126366) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (536562) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (833) ***10.30-10.40*** Anglia News (563307) **12.40am** Film: *Aquasanta Joe (Richard Harrison, Lincoln Tate)* (815344) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (28692) **3.30** The Beat (30437) **4.30-5.00** Travel Trails (11234)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (5261122) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7156272) **1.55** A Country Practice (91283901) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6955949) **3.25-3.30** Central News *(5476291)* ***5.10-5.40*** *Shortland Street* (6126366) **6.25-7.00** Central News and *Weather (536562)* **7.30-8.00** *Heart of the* Country (833) **10.30-10.40** Central News and *Weather* (563307) **11.40-12.40pm** Crime Story: Crime Pays (403543) **4.10am** Jobfinder (8079447) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2071857)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (5261122) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (7156272) **12.55** Shortland Street (7530949) **1.25** Home and Away *(51463185)* **1.50** Vanessa (23293217) **2.20** Wish You Were Here...? *(17926369)* **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (6955949) **3.25** Granada News (5476291) ***3.30-3.40*** *The Magic House* (5429920) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6126366) **6.25** Granada Tonight (536562) **7.00** Emmerdale (6340) **7.30-8.00** The Main Ingredient (833) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (563307) **4.10-5.00** Jobfinder (4611383)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (5261122) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (7156272) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (17918340) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7656307) **3.25-3.30** *HTV West Headlines (5476291)* **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (6126366) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (949) **7.30-8.00** West Eye View (833) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (563307) **4.10am-5.00** Jobfinder (4611383)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (5261122) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7156272) **1.55** A Country Practice (91283901) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street *(6955949)* **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (5476291) **5.10** Home and Away (6126366) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (537340) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (369) **6.30-7.00** Surprise Chefs (949) **7.30-8.00** Held in Trust *(833)* ***10.30-10.40*** Meridian News and Weather (563307) **12.40am** *Film: Aquasanta Joe* (Lincoln Tate, Ty Hardin, Richard Harrison) (815944) **2.30** *The Little Picture Show* (28692) **3.30** The Beat (30437) **4.30** Travel Trails (11234) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (79760)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (5261122) **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry News *(7156272)* **2.25** The Young Doctors (17918340) **3.25-3.30** *Westcountry News: Weather* (5476291) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6126366) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (39949) **7.30-8.00** Held in Trust (Julian Pettifer on the work of the National Trust) (833) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News: Weather (563307) **4.10am-5.00** Jobfinder (4611383)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 *Calendar* News (5261122) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire *Calendar News and Weather / Bradford* Network North (7156272) **1.55** A Country Practice (91283901) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6955949) **3.25-3.30** Calendar News and Weather *(5476291)* **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (6126366) **5.55** Calendar / *Network North* (823475) **6.30-7.00** Runway (949) **7.30-8.00** Good Advice (833) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (563307) **11.40** Film: BL Stryker - King of Jazz (Burt Reynolds, Ossie Davis, Alfie Wise) (144659) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show *(2441876)* **2.25** Sport AM (4758942) **3.25** The Beat (9960505) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder *(6174811)*

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (49727) **9.00** *You Bet Your Life* (85630) **9.30** Ysgolion (206494) **12.00pm** House To House (86974) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (12272) **1.00** Little Miss (42814) **1.30** Hanging With Mr Cooper (11543) **2.00** The Late Late Show (53104) **3.00** The Number 10 Show (2301) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (7787340) **4.20** Terrytoons (6347291) **4.30** Saved By The Bell The New Class (746) **5.00** 5 Pump (4746) **5.30** Countdown (758) **6.00** Newyddion (929307) **6.20** Heno (526185) **7.00** *Pobol Y Cwm* (4982) **7.30** Y Ffarch Drws Nesa' (475) **8.00** Y R Pedwar Gwynt Y Dewis (3630) **8.30** Newyddion (2765) **9.00** Y Wisg Sidan (9901) **10.00** Brookside (38433) **10.30** Dim Tatod (58659) **11.30** Film: Woman In Black (Adrian Rawlins, Bernard Hepton, Pauline Moran, David Daker) (12942320)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (33123) **8.00** Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (20727) **8.30** DJ Kat (4998185) ***8.45*** The Oprah Winfrey Show (6881712) **9.30** Card Sharks (61562) ***10.00*** *Concentration (8234307)* **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8509982) **10.30** Candid Camera (32562) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (88630) **12.00** Urban Peasant (23814) **12.30pm** E Street (72678) **1.00** St Elsewhere (60833) **2.00** Heroes (62104) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (3924340) **3.50** DJ Kat (1526104) **4.15** Power Rangers **5.00** *Star Trek: The Next* Generation (3659) **6.00** Gamesworld (4611) **6.30** Blockbusters (8291) **7.00** E Street (4368) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4475) **8.00** Intruders (95164) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (80611) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (693104) **11.45** Richard Littlejohn (305582) **12.30am** Chances (92760) **1.30** Night Court (75505) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (4404654)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (9503833) **9.30** Fashion TV (66140) **10.30** ABC Nightline (30104) **1.30pm** CBS News (82569) **2.30** Parliament Live (35833) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (435369) **9.30** Target *(50456)* ***11.30*** *CBS Evening* News (58901) **12.30am** ABC News *(6496857)* ***1.10*** *Entertainment This Week* (8098321) **2.30** Parliament Replay (56925) **4.30** *CBS News (97760)* **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am ***Showcase*** *(2463982)* ***10.00 The*** **Yarn Princess** (1993) (35009366) **11.50** ***Death on the Nile*** (1978) (12123814) **2.30pm Two of a Kind** (1983) (39659) **4.00 A Walton Thanksgiving Reunion** (1994) (74079659) **5.50 The Yarn Princess** (1993) As 10am (16136098) **7.30 Close-Up** (8405) **8.00 The Lawnmower Man** (1992) (86272) **10.00 Boomerang** (1992) (63456) **12.00 Braindead** (1992) (788437) **1.45am Shanghai Surprise** (1986) (247895) **3.20 Report to the Commissioner** *(1975) (63931050)*

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm At the Earth's Core (1976) (97949) **8.00 Harry and Tonto** (1974) (92494) **10.00-12.00 Hellbound: Hellraiser II** *(1989) (52388)*

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Carrpan Jones (1954) (28833) **8.00 The Odyssey** *(1987) (9256562)* **8.55 Out of the Darkness** (1985) (8731104) **10.05** ***Cockleshell Heroes*** *(1955) (94902302)* **12.00 Lifeboat** (1944) (74949) **2.00pm The Solid Gold Cadillac** (1956) (584901) **3.55 The Odyssey** (1987) As 8am (2712104) **4.50 Out of the Darkness** (As 8.55am) (1688104) **6.00 Wild Hearts Can't be Broken** *(1991) (89369)* ***8.00 The Cemetery*** **Club** (1993) (94814) **10.00 The Assassin** *(1993) (472524)* **11.50 Wide Sargasso Sea** (1993) (320956) **1.30am The Linguini Incident** (1992) (698470) **3.20-5.00 A Stranger in the Mirror** (1992) (63939692)

● **For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (1114678) **7.15** Fish Tales (9825001) **7.30** Cricket (6061543) **11.30** One to One (11017) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (52765) **12.30pm** Footballer's Football Show (27456) **1.30** Ringside Special *(68369)* **3.30** *Snowboard Tour (5765)* **4.00** Surfing — Natural Art (94340) **5.00** WWF Superstars (2185) **6.00** Soccer News (353475) **6.15** Boots 'n' All (344678) **7.00** Cricket Highlights (748663) **9.30** Grass Roots Rugby (52253) **10.00** Soccer News (776543) **10.15** Tartan Extra (105833) **11.15** Boots 'n' All (229543) **12.00** Surfing (55128) **1.00-2.00am** Tartan Extra (32965)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Rally Raid (28272) **8.00** Football (44746) **8.30** Football (34765) **10.00** Live Tennis (5977307) **5.30pm** Football (24036) **6.30** News (7369) **7.00** Athletics (38272) **8.00** Euroski Magazine (47920) **9.00** Tennis (34456) **10.00** Boxing (22712) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport *News (95741)*

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Getaway (2969340) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (8102475) **1.00** Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (4213920) **1.30** Cooking in America *(8101748)* ***2.00*** *California Gold* (5924807) **2.30** Discover Your World — *Cuba (8015036)* **3.00** American Vacation (7403104) **4.00** Iceland Week (8306388) **4.30** Kids Down Under (8395272) **5.00** Roads to Freedom (1229299) **5.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (8386524) **6.00** Getaway — Australia (8316765) **6.30** Ticket to Paradise (8307017) **7.00** Moving Postcards — Suffolk (1324843) **7.30** Caribbean Vacation (8396901) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (9324663) **8.30** Travel Guide (6374346) **9.00** Getaway *(7411123)* ***9.30*** *Ticket to Paradise (8182611)* **10.00** Roads to Freedom (2977369) **10.30** *Moving Postcards (2986017)* ***11.00*** Caribbean Vacation (7483340) **11.30-12.00** California Gold (8452036)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (2966253) **8.30** Peyton Place (2965524) **9.00** As the World Turns (9714949) **10.00** Guiding Light (4299340) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4773883)



Iain Cuthbertson in ***Sutherland's Law*** **(UK Gold, 9.30am)**

TLC

9.00am *Room Service (7348185)* **9.30** The Roux Brothers (2703611) **10.00** Against All Odds (4445388) **10.30** Only Human (2021340) **11.30** Discovering Psychology (2263901) **12.00** Extra Dimensions (4645949) **12.45pm** Draw with Don (92383920) **1.00** The Roux Brothers (7414949) **1.30** Room Service (2713098) **2.00** Magic or Medicine? (4446017) **3.00** Video Show (9832366) **3.30-4.00** So You Want to Play Golf (7546455)

UK GOLD

7.00am *Blankety Blank (7417036)* **7.30** Neighbours (7496543) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7350920) **8.30** EastEnders (7359291) **9.00** The Bill (7340643) **9.30** *Sutherland's Law (2362765)* **10.30** Big Deal (2030098) **11.30** No Place Like Home (2272659) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7360307) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2716185) **1.00** EastEnders (7416307) **1.30** The Bill (2715456) **2.00** After Henry (6587299) **2.30** Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (7543369) **3.00** Knots Landing (2276475) **4.00** Dynasty (2256982) **5.00** Every Second Counts (3250814) **5.35** Top of the Pops (2130340) **5.55** Porridge (7522185) **6.30** EastEnders (7568679) **7.00** Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (2987235) **7.30** Sweet Sixteen (7567562) **8.00** After Henry (6682843) **8.30** Just Good Friends (1432140) **9.00** The Sweeney *(9626456)* **10.00** *The Bill (7361036)* **10.30** Top of the Pops (6916253) **11.10** Cool It (8584271) **11.50** Dr Who (7842494) **12.20** FILM: Young and Innocent (1937) Early Hitchcock thriller (5660050) **2.00-7.00** Shopping (9955147)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (9577814) **6.55** Garfield and Friends (3713017) **7.25** Eek The Cat (6926104) **7.55** Pugwall (5328185) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (6537272) **8.45** Casper (3755727) **9.00** Sesame Street (42659) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (85271) **12.00** Garfield (65253) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (94253) ***1.00*** *Beverly Hills Teens (75901)* **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (74335299) **1.45** *Baby Follies* (83880104) **2.00** Barney and Friends (3456) **2.30** Babar (4678) **3.00** Casper (5441633) **3.15** Gravedale High (427272) **3.45** Sonic (426543) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (4917524) **4.30-5.00** Pugwall (4814)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive (1105920) **7.15** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (536369) **7.45** Rugrats (528340) **8.15** Grimmy (620272) **8.45** Nickalive (9431253) **9.00** Nick Jr (309340) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (50307) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (70659) **1.00** Galaxy High School (11982) **1.30** Banana Sandwich (02630) **2.00** Denver the last Dinosaur (3140) **2.30** Smoggies (1562) **3.00** Nick Faves (9475) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3307) **4.00** Doug (2814) **4.30** Rugrats (8098) ***5.00*** *Clarissa Explains It All (4920)* **5.30** Nickalive! Featuring Rocko's Modern Life (2678) **6.00** Grimmy (2291) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (2543)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature Watch (7558291) **4.30** Australia Wild (7554475) **5.00** Compass *(5137758)* ***6.00*** *Beyond 2000 (2722746)* **7.00** Earth Tremors (4814185) **7.45** Man *Eaters of the Wild (4827272)* **8.00** Connections 2 (8482825) **8.30** Voyager — The World of National Geographic (3232122) **9.00** First Flights (2282036) **9.30** The X-Planes (2727291) **10.00 Journal** (9527185) **11.00-12.00** Nature by Profession (7491098)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Always a Bride (1954) (6610689) **1.30pm** The Donny and Marie Show (2700524) **2.00** thirtysomething (4433543) **3.00** My Three Sons (9737712) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (7539982) **4.00** FILM: I've Gotta Horse (1965) (1632348) **6.00** Death Valley Days (7562494) **6.30** Police Woman *(2610982)* **7.30** *Honey West (7542630)* ***8.00*** thirtysomething (9531388) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (2279562) **9.30-12.00** FILM: The Guru (1969) (2774291)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2499524) **7.00** Living Magazine (2492562) **8.00** Health UK (7614098) **8.30** The Truth About Women (7613369) **9.00** Eating Out with John Tovey (4838369) **9.35** Now You See It (7122949) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4675098) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (7626833) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3539291) **12.00** Bon Voyage (5546825) **12.35pm** Kilroy *(2284104)* **1.30** *Family Matters (4350340)* **2.00** Agony Hour (4676727) **3.00** Living Magazine (4610901) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (7014814) **4.00** Infatuation (5633017) **4.30** Trivia Trap (10657659) **4.55** Delia Smith's Cookery Course (2513098) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5613253) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (5643404) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (5634746) **7.00** Living *Magazine (6355479)* ***8.00*** *The Young and* the Restless (4365299) **9.00** FILM: The Lady from Yesterday (1985) *(4321407)* **10.50** Sneak Scenes — Forrest Gump (4715765) ***11.00*** *New Mr and Mrs Show (7530562)* **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (4664983)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (7036) **5.30** Where I Live (8494) **6.00** African Skies (657675) **6.25** All Clued Up (256949) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7272) **7.30** My Two Dads (5543) **8.00** The *Darling Buds of May (61524)* ***9.00*** *Moonlighting (61388)* **10.00** Family Catchphrase *(66982)* ***10.30*** *GP (75630)* ***11.00*** *Lou Grant* (92676) **12.00** Rhoda (35741) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (30708) **1.00** Danger Mouse (29876) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (62079) **2.00** Moonlighting (70760) **3.00** Lou Grant (69437) **4.00** Rhoda (14079) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (70811)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (82789) **6.30** *The Grind (65036)* **7.00** *Awake on the* Wildside (84272) **8.00** VJ Ingo (222727) **11.00** Soul (73543) **12.00** MTV's Greatest Hits (15746) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (933036) **3.30** Report (8273659) **3.45** CineMatic (8261814) **4.00** News at Night (4936659) **4.15** 3 from 1 (4919982) **4.30** Dial MTV (5272) **5.00** Music Non-stop (47009) **6.30** Sports (5017) **7.00** *Greatest Hits* (87562) **8.00** Madonna — A Body of Work (60456) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (16475) **10.00** Report (210272) **10.15** CineMatic (208727) **10.30** News at Night (374475) **10.45** 3 from 1 (362630) **11.00** The End? (57766) **1.00** Soul (76321) **2.00** The Grind *(92957)* ***2.30-5.00*** *Night Videos (606012)*

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage *(4212291)* ***9.00*** *Cafe (9633253)* **12.00** The Bridge (2134307) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (4244543) **2.30** Heart and Soul (7157340) **3.30** Into the Music (4747727) **6.00** Prime Cuts (8189624) **7.00** For You (4547765) **8.00** Rock (4523185) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4543949) **10.00** The Bridge (9710123) **11.30** Today's Top Five (8454494) **12.00** The Nightfly (2557470) **2.00** Prime Cuts *(5716805)* ***3.00*** *Rock (1917895)* ***4.00*** *Ten of* the Best (3531337) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm** including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** *Big Ticket*

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (18104) **7.00** Asian Morning (20123) **8.30** Buniyaad (81291) **9.00** Gujarati Movie: Chel Chabilo (956272) **12.00** *Ghar (35794)* **1.00pm** Hindi Movie: Ek Chitti Pyar Bhari (686949) **4.00** Nagar Pane Roop Nagar *(2456)* ***4.30*** *Yagamer (1340)* **5.00** Jodi Poruthum — Tamil Match Making *(4562)* ***5.30*** *Neengal Keetta Paadal —* Choice Songs (5920) **6.00** TVA and You (2291) **6.30** Buniyaad (2543) **7.00** New Music Show: Video Junction (41746) **8.00** News Bulletin (3384) **8.30** New Serial: Zindagi (9611) **9.00** Pakistani Movie, Judai (600331) **11.30** Mano ya Na Mano (67989) **12.00** Asian Morning (14031) **1.30-6.00am** Sight and Sound

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: Cinema Français
7.00 Joe the Busybody (1959) (21208659) **8.35 A Very Private Affair** (1962) (42992433) **10.20 Il Faut Tuer Birgitt Haas** (1981) (76686814) **12.20am Sois Belle Et Tais Toi** (1958) (16941895) **2.25-5.00 Joe the Busybody** (1959) As 7pm (38166302)

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Hughes's injury less serious than feared

BY PETER BALL

FEARS that Mark Hughes's football career may have been threatened by the knee injury that he sustained while scoring Manchester United's goal against Newcastle United at St James' Park on Sunday have, happily, proved premature. An examination yesterday revealed that he had not suffered ligament damage, although the wound went through to the bone.

"Compared with first reports, the news is great," Alex Ferguson, the manager of Manchester United, said. "There is nothing seriously wrong with the knee other than the cut, which doesn't threaten his future."

Hughes underwent an operation on Sunday night to clean the wound — suffered in a collision with Pavel Srnicek, the Newcastle goalkeeper — and was kept in hospital yesterday because he was still running a temperature. He will return to Manchester by ambulance today, his long-term future still undecided.

Hughes is expected to be out of action for four weeks. Ferguson hopes that Roy Keane, who strained a hamstring against Newcastle, and Paul Ince will be fit to play against Blackburn Rovers, the leaders of the FA Carling Premiership, on Sunday, in what should be a formidable first game for Andy Cole, his new £7 million forward.

"I think the way we play will suit Andy," Ferguson said. "We've found now that, even at home against us, teams just sit on the edge of their box and defend. They might be a bit wary about doing that with him around. We haven't had that speed in the box. We haven't had pace through the middle. But now sides will have to wonder a bit what's happening in the areas between the centre backs."

Cole's presence will, however, require some adjustments to United's approach if he is to be successful. While Hughes was a focal point during the build-up, receiving the ball, holding it and bringing others into play, Cole operates by speed and stealth, relying on others to find him when he gets free in the penalty box, his area of operation.

If Ferguson has Hughes's replacement to hand, the Welshman's injury has presented Joe Royle, the Everton manager, with something of a dilemma. Everton had hoped to conclude negotiations with United yesterday to take Hughes to Goodison Park for an estimated fee of £2 million. Royle now has to decide whether to wait for Hughes, or to make another bid for Dean Saunders, the Aston Villa forward.

The decision was not helped by the sending-off of Duncan Ferguson against Arsenal at Highbury on Saturday. "I was disappointed with what happened, but I've seen much worse," Royle said. "There is no suggestion of him having hit John Jensen, he pushed and pulled him over. "It was petulant, not violent. It would have been nice if the referee had pulled the two aside and given them 100 lines each. It's only the second time in his career that he's been sent off. I've no doubts about his temperament — just his maturity."

Ferguson now faces a three-game suspension, but Royle insisted that that would not sway his decision on Hughes. "We aren't bereft of forwards," he said. "Stuart Barlow is doing very well in the reserves and Brett Angell will be fit soon. I won't be rushed. I only want to sign top players."

While Royle ponders, Roy Evans, his opposite number at Liverpool, will sign a new contract this week. Liverpool responded to the team's success this season by giving him a two-year extension to his present contract, which still has 18 months to run. It will put him on a par with other leading managers, lifting his salary into the £200,000-a-year range.

"The board are delighted with the job he's been doing, and the atmosphere he's created in the dressing-room," Peter Robinson, the chief executive at Anfield, said yesterday. Evans, though, had no illusions that his new contract meant he could relax in his efforts to return Liverpool to the top. "I'm pleased to know that they think I'm doing a good job," he said, "but I still have much work to do."

If Mark Hughes still has a few years to go, one of his most distinguished former colleagues retired from Premiership football yesterday. Gordon Strachan, 37, the midfield player who won 50 caps for Scotland but who has been struggling with a back injury this season, finally conceded that his first-team days were over. He will stay with Leeds United as coach, playing the occasional reserve match, and as a manager in waiting.

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Strachan: forced to retire

Emerging players claim the spotlight

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

THE start of the Australian Open was illuminated yesterday by two faces of the past and two of the future. As Pat Cash and Mats Wilander wandered further into the twilight of their careers, Martina Hingis and Mark Philippoussis strode into the dawn of theirs.

The name of Philippoussis may be the least familiar of the quartet, but, in threatening to cause a startling upset during the night session here at Flinders Park, he suggested that it may soon be well-known far beyond the boundaries of the host city.

Melbourne has a player for the future. Nobody, not even Jim Courier, strikes the ball with more thunderous power and with greater murderous intent.

An unusually quiet opening day was drawing to a close when the unheralded local stepped on to the centre court with Stefan Edberg, twice the champion and three times the runner-up. By the time they left, 2½ hours later, the floodlights were shining on the precocious Philippoussis.

Philippoussis, 18, received a vociferous ovation, founded on relief as much as admiration. Mark Edmondson, the last Australian to win the championship (in 1976), had forecast that no domestic representative would regain the trophy until at least the next century.

As if to emphasise his gloomy prediction, Australians fell at a rate of one an hour throughout the day. The dozen victims included Jason Stoltenberg, their highest-ranked contender in the men's singles who went out in straight sets, albeit complaining of an injured arm.

Even in defeat, Philippoussis helped to redress the balance by shaking the main arena and Edberg's defences with his ferocious blows. "It is hard to imagine him not being among the top players in the world in a couple of years," John Alexander, the former Australia No 1, said.

Had Philippoussis not temporarily withdrawn his array of attacking weapons, yielding five successive games to drop the second set, he might have battered the sixth seed into submission.

The Swede, no longer coached by Tony Pickard, was helped by a touch of fortune in the third-set tie-break. A net cord lifted him to a 4-1 lead and, although Philippoussis later saved a match point with his tenth ace, he went through 4-6, 6-3, 7-6, 7-5.

Considering the gap in experience, the narrowness of the margin reflected the promise of the teenager, who belted 27 winners. He was appearing in his second grand slam event. Edberg, who started the year by triumphing in Qatar, is competing in his 47th.

Hingis was making her debut in the championships and made light of it. A slip of a girl with a core of steel, she began by allowing Jolene Watanabe, 26, from the United States, to collect only four points on her own service in an opening set which was over in 18 minutes. Hingis, 14, was then detained by her unforced errors before becoming the youngest to win a women's singles match in the event in the open era, 6-0, 7-6. "I wasn't nervous," she pronounced, "because she is behind me in the rankings." Watanabe, at ninetieth, is 17 places lower.

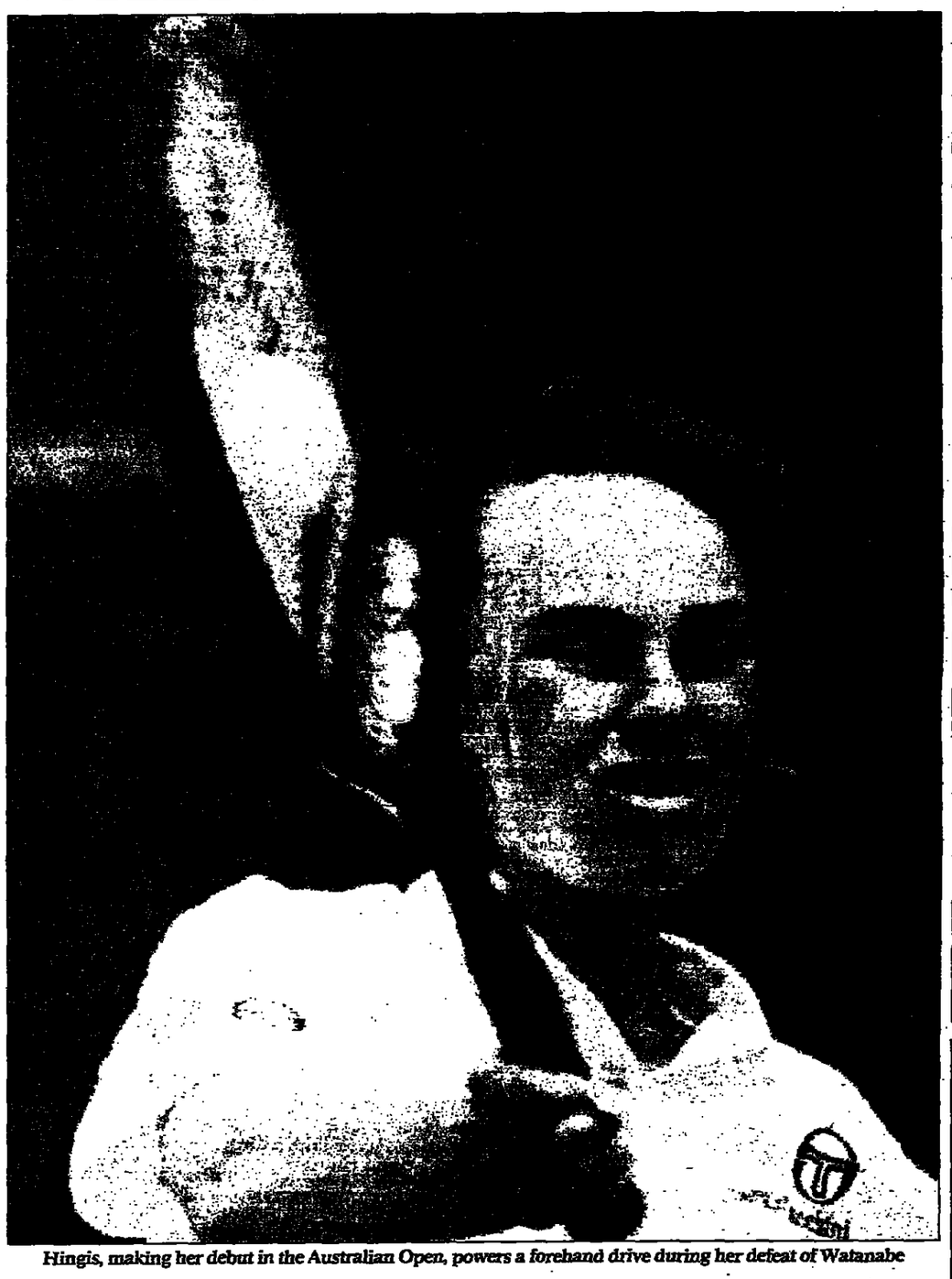
With Venus Williams, also 14, the last of the children to be allowed to join the Women's Tennis Association tour, she has poise far beyond her years and is bound to profit from the alarmingly shallow depths of the women's game. Of the seven seeds in action yesterday, not one dropped a set.

"Women's tennis is in real trouble," Cash, who followed Hingis on to the packed No 1 court, said. So is his own career. Cursed by serious injuries to his knee, Achilles heel and back, he contracted a virus last week and would have withdrawn had it been any other event.

After taking the first set off Alex O'Brien, Cash — the runner-up in 1987 and 1988 — subsided 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, but not before he had changed into a shirt designed after his favourite hero, Spiderman. The decorative cobwebs suitably signalled his lack of match practice.

Unlike Cash, Wilander does not have to depend on wild cards, but he, too, confessed that he is rusty. Three times the champion, he was eliminated in straight sets by Jacco Eltingh.

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Hingis, making her debut in the Australian Open, powers a forehand drive during her defeat of Watanabe



Edberg: difficult victory

England A build strong position

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

INCISIVE bowling with the new ball by Glen Chapple and Dominic Cork put England A in command of the first international cricket match against India A in Bangalore yesterday. At the close of the third day, India A were 83 for seven in their second innings, with a lead of only 94.

With Paul Weekes and Richard Stemp, the spinners, also taking a wicket apiece in the closing 15 minutes, England A should be confident of forcing victory today on a pitch that is deteriorating rapidly.

Earlier, a brilliant innings of 99 by Mark Ramprakash, together with some stout tail-end resistance from Chapple, had enabled England A to reach 289 in their first innings after a middle-order collapse.

Ramprakash and Alan Wells went immediately on the attack, only for Sairaj Bahutule, the leg spinner, to take three wickets in ten balls as England A slipped from 191 for three to 213 for seven. Ramprakash, however, held firm, putting on hold the sparkling strokeplay of the first half-hour, and, with Chapple's help, rebuilt the innings.

Ramprakash deserved a hundred, but clever bowling from Rajesh Chauhan, the India Test off spinner, denied him. Chauhan went round the wicket for the last ball of an over, and the change in angle was enough to induce a nick to the wicketkeeper. Ramprakash had faced 202 balls, hitting two sixes and nine fours in a display that should attract the attention of the senior England selectors.

Chapple hit a couple of boundaries before being last out for 26, but the Lancashire fast bowler still had his most important contribution to make. Charging in on an unusually cool afternoon, he took three for 21 in 11 overs interrupted only by tea. Despite a slight thigh strain, Cork was only marginally less impressive. He took two for 31 in his 11 overs.

The England A bowlers were supported by superb fielding. Ramprakash took a smart, head-high catch at cover to remove Jatinder Singh, the opener, before tea, and Cork's effort at gully to dismiss Praveen Amre, the Test batsman, was also outstanding.

The most spectacular efforts, though, came from Ian Salisbury — a magnificent low catch to his left at first slip to dismiss Bahutule, and a brave dive forward at deep mid-wicket, while facing a low sun, to remove Vajay Yadav from the second ball bowled by Weekes.

"It was a great effort but we still have work to do because I don't think we want to leave ourselves with more than 150 for victory if the conditions get worse," Ramprakash, the vice-captain, said.

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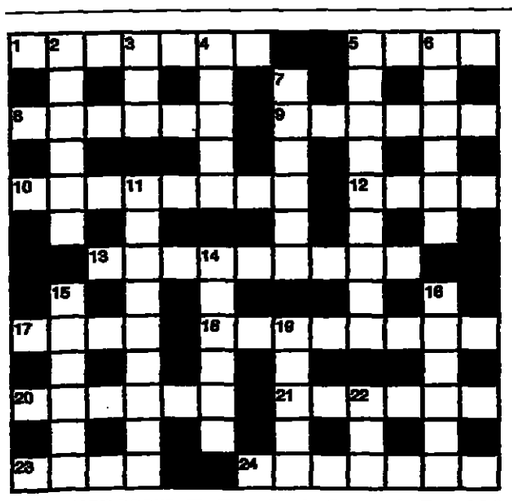
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ACROSS
1 Building (7)
5 Tiny contribution; arachnid (4)
8 Little seal on ring (6)
9 Sheen (6)
10 I believe (joc.) (8)
12 Cutters; coordinate reference lines (4)
13 Thankfulness (9)
17 Herb; untouched (condition) (4)
18 Hypnotic (8)
20 The Desert Fox (6)
21 Annoy; commit crime (6)
23 Burden (4)
24 St —: Clairvaux abbot, pass. dog (7)

DOWN
2 Senseless talk (6)
3 Admirer; cooler (3)
4 Interrupt; allow (someone) a share (3,2)
5 Deal with incorrectly (9)
6 Mark aimed at (6)
7 Small cupboard; private room (6)
11 Dickens' Coketown novel (4,5)
14 Crowd commotion (6)
15 Stop accepting responsibility (for) (6)
16 Successful competitor (6)
19 Put by; shop (5)
22 Jollity (3)

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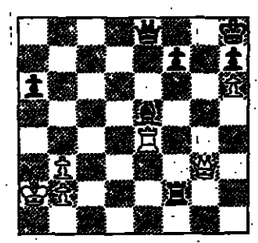
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CHESS

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Nunn - Murshed, London 1985.
1 RxeS is a very strong move for White and, in fact, delivers mate in four moves. However, White actually has a way to mate even more quickly. Can you see it?



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BRIDGE

By Philip Howard

BARD PARTS
BELARIUS
a. The God of War
b. A banished lord
c. An unlucky suitor
GRUMIO
a. A battered servant
b. A pantaloon dotard
c. A brave soldier
SNUG
a. A tinker
b. A tailor
c. A joiner
BRABANTIO
a. A merchant
b. A reverend signior
c. A fortunate lover

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